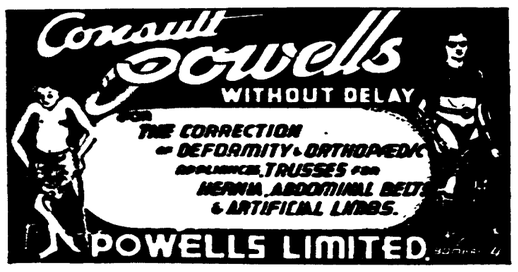

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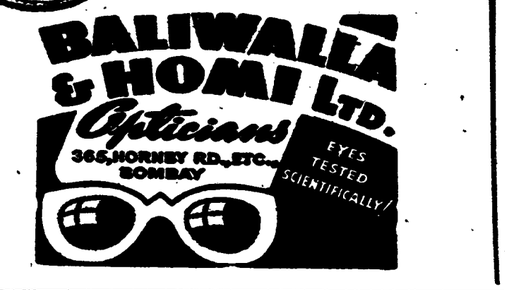

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India Holds Key To Future Concept Of Commonwealth

NEHRU TO OFFER REPUBLICAN FORMULA FOR CO-OPERATION

Forthcoming Prime Ministers' Conference In London Not Open To Press

LONDON, March 27 (P.T.I. Reuter): India alone is believed here to hold the main secret of the impending dominion Prime Ministers' conference---the formula which may enable her as a Republic to maintain commonwealth co-operation.

INDIA'S FORMULA FOR CO-OPERATION

COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES HAVE INDICATED THEIR DESIRE THAT INDIA SHOULD CONTINUE THIS CO-OPERATION AFTER ASSUMING HER NEW NATIONAL STATUS IN AUGUST. BUT INDIA HERSELF IS EXPECTED TO SUGGEST TO THE DOMINION PRIME MINISTERS, WHEN THEY MEET IN LONDON LATE NEXT MONTH, HOW SHE THINKS THIS CAN BE DONE.

THE WHOLE FUTURE CONCEPT OF THE COMMONWEALTH IS LIKELY TO HINGE UPON INDIA'S ACTION.

SPECULATION "POINTLESS"

Speculation upon the formula likely to prove acceptable both to India and the other nations of the Commonwealth is considered pointless meantime, since the initiative lies with India and not with the other Commonwealth members. Suggestions have been revived of a gradation of Commonwealth membership that would reconcile the national aspirations of various Dominions. But political quarters here think that the new India would not welcome any association which employed differentiation of status between Dominions. On the other hand, several of the Dominions consider the Crown to be the indispensable symbol of Commonwealth Association. This is one of the main problems that will have to be solved [illegible] forthcoming conversations.

CHANGE IN COMMONWEALTH STRUCTURE

There is general recognition that the whole Commonwealth structure has already been radically changed by the entry of the three new Dominions—India, Pakistan and Ceylon.

In its old concept, the Commonwealth consisted of countries representing in the main about 70 million people of British or European descent. In its new shape, it comprises about 500 million people, of whom well over 200 million are Hindus and 100 million are Muslims. The geographical centre of the Commonwealth has inevitably moved eastward.

The possibility that the whole future concept of Commonwealth relations may have to be modified in the light of changing world conditions was clearly visualised when the Dominion Prime Ministers met in London last October. The emergence of the new Republican India and of independent Pakistan and Ceylon has given urgency to the consideration of this new concept.

VITAL QUESTIONS

Many vital questions of concern to all the Dominions—including Commonwealth Security in relation to the South-East Asian Communist upsurge, and southern Pacific Defence—are bound up with the present constitutional problem. Clearly, the Dominions as a whole can have no complete picture of future Commonwealth safeguards for peace and economic development until it is known for instance whether India, consistent with her national aspirations and outlook, feels she can be identified with them.

'IN CAMERA' CONFERENCE

Arrangements for the Conference are expected to be announced by Prime Minister Clement Attlee in Parliament on Tuesday. The meeting will open at 10 Downing Street, London, some time between April 20 and 23 and will continue for a week or ten days. There will be no announced agenda and the talks will take place behind closed doors.

NO SLIGHT TO INDIA'S PRIDE

LONDON, March 27. (PTI-Reuter): British Sunday newspaper "Observer" said today it was now known that the main topic of next month's Commonwealth Conference in London would be Britain's relations with India. "Mr. Nehru has made it clear" said the newspaper, "that India intends to be a Republic. Whitehall has intimated that the form of Government need not stand in the way of continued close association within the Commonwealth.

"That is sound policy if Britan's influence in India, and through India in Asia, is to remain. Slight to the pride of the new Dominion could easily wreck the delicate negotiations which lie ahead."

The "Observer" said that the temptation to turn the question into a party issue with accusing talk of "breaking up the Empire", must be avoided. Any policy which denied India's right to choose her own constitution would, in fact, contribute to the dissolution of a vital part of the Commonwealth.

ENQUIRY INTO FILM INDUSTRY?

Government To Set Up Committee Under Foreign Expert

NAGPUR, March 27 (UPI): It is understood that the Government of India propose to set up a Cinema Enquiry Committee to go into the film industry and find out ways and means of developing it on a countrywide scale.

A proposal is also, it is further learnt, under consideration to appoint a foreign expert as president of the proposed enquiry committee under whom the personnel of the Committee is likely to be announced shortly.

FILM'S ROLE IN EDUCATING MASSES STRESSED

NAGPUR, March 27 (UPI): The two-day session of the Central Circuit Cine Conference began in Nagpur this afternoon.

Inaugurating the conference, Mr. Chunilal Desai, President of the All India Motion Pictures Association deplored the "step-motherly attitude" of the Government towards the Film Industry. The Cinema Industry, he said, was bound to play an important role in educating the masses of the country and, therefore, it must receive all encouragement it needed.

NOTIFICATION ON GANDHIJI'S WILL

AHMEDABAD, March 27 (API).—The District Judge, in whose court Mahatma Gandhi's Will made on February 29, 1940, was produced, has issued a notification calling upon all concerned to submit personally or through a pleader, objections if they have any, against the Will in the Court on April 21, 1949, failing which the Court will grant the probate as demanded by one of the surviving executors—Mr. Narhari Parikh.

Bihar Purses For Gandhi Fund

GOPALGANJ, March 27, (A. P. I.): Siwan and Gopalganj, two subdivisional headquarters, presented Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Chairman of the Gandhi National Memorial Fund Committee, with purses of Rs. 29,400 and Rs. 32,000 respectively.

Iraq May Break With Soviet

CAIRO March 27 (UPA). — The usually well-informed Sunday newspaper 'Akhbar el Yom' reported that the Iraqi government is considering breaking diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.

The paper said that Iraq Foreign Minister Fadhil Jamali, who is presently in Cairo, plans to ask Egyptian Premier Ibrahim Abdel Hadi Pasha if Egypt would represent Iraq in Moscow in the event that the Moscow government severe relations.

The Iraq Government has charged that Iraqi Communists in conjunction with Moscow and with the Iranian leftist Tudeh party are working for the downfall of the Iraqi government.

TERRORIST RAIDS IN EAST JAVA

Heavy Damage To Tobacco Plantations

SOURABAYA (JAVA), March 27 (PTI-Reuter): Tobacco plantations in East Java have suffered serious damage from terrorist attacks, it was reported here today. In the tobacco growing district of Besuki, 180 warehouses have been razed, while on three plantations a total of 1,000 bales of stored tobacco has been destroyed. A Bandung report said a gang, 200 to 300 strong attacked factory buildings of a rubber and tea plantation there and set fire to a number of buildings. The factory, however, was saved from damage by plantation guards. There were no casualties.

AUSTRALIA'S "NO" TO MACARTHUR

TOKYO, March 27. (PTI-Reuter): The Australian Government has rejected a request by General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, that Sergeant Lorenzo Gamboa an American soldier of Filipino parentage should be allowed to visit his wife and children in Australia.

The Australian Mission here today received the Commonwealth Government's reply to an urgent message sent to Canberra on Thursday with General MacArthur's plea. They immediately placed on the reply to Mr. Alva Carpenter, head of the General Legal Section, who has been acting as special adviser to Gamboa now serving in Japan. General MacArthur said he had no comment to make on the Australian decision" at present".

Officers close to the General would not indicate what action if any he nw conteeplated o help the sergeant.

Mrs. Joyce Gamboa, the Sergeant's Australian wife, appealed to the United States Consulate in Melbourne on March 21 for aid in securing her husband's admission to Australia.

Mr. Arthur Calwell, Immigration Minister, declined to comment when asked why he refused to allow Gamboa to enter the country.

RUHR MINERS RECORD.

GENEVA, March 27, (U. P. A.): Ruhr miners set a post-war record of highs in their average daily coal output, and production increased in every other major coal producing country in Europe during February, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe reported today.

PLANE CRASHES INTO GANGES

Maj. Gen. Chaudhury's Brother And U.S. Press Attache Killed

CALCUTTA. March 27. (A.P.I.): Wing-Commander Hem Chuadhury, younger brother of Major-General J. N. Choudhury, Military Governor of Hyderabad and Mr. J. W. Thompson, Press Attache to the U. S. A. Consul-General in Calcutta, were killed in a plane accident this afternoon at Nababganj Ghat about sixteen miles from Calcutta.

Piloted by Wing Commander Chaudhury the plane, a two-seater Chipmunk type, took off from Barrackpore airport for a flight but soon after it developed machine trouble and dived into the Ganges from a height of about 2,000 ft. Their bodies were recovered after a search of about forty minutes. The plane was also salvaged.

Wing Commander Chaudhury was in active service during the last world war and retired only recently. He was 38.

Mr. Thomapson (29) was undergoing training under Wing Commander Chaudhury.

BIG 'MUNITION HAUL IN CALCUTTA

Sequel To Investigations Into Dum Dum Raids

CALCUTTA, March 27 (API): "A miniature arsenal" was discovered by the police last evening in a small locked up from in central Calcutta. They seized a large quantity of ammunition and explosives, including 18 army hand grenades, 78 gelginite sticks, a thousand rounds of rifle and pistol cartridges, and sten gun, machine gun and tommy gun ammunition. Five soda water bottles prepared as incendiary bombs, and other material for the preparation of bombs were part of the seizure.

The searches were made by the Intelligence Branch of the West Bengal C.I.D., assisted by other sectional police, on information received in the course of their investigations into the recent armed raids at Dum Dum and Basirhat.

FORWARD TRADING IN BULLION TO RESUME

Premier Kher To Inaugurate Dealings On Saturday

SPECIAL TO THE "CHRONICLE"

After being in suspense for over three months, forward trading in Bullion will be resumed in Bombay from Saturday April 2, when Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay will inaugurate forward trading under the auspices of the Bombay Bullion Association.

GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED BODY

THE ASSOCIATION WHICH REPLACES THE "BOMBAY BULLION EXCHANGE" WHICH HAD CONTROLLED THE BULLION MARKET FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS, IS A GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED AND CONTROLLED INSTITUTION RECOGNISED AS THE SOLE BULLION TRADING ASSOCIATION IN THE PROVINCE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BOMBAY FORWARD CONTRACTS CONTROL ACT OF 1947.

The new association, it has now been agreed, should take over the entire assets of the old Exchange including its two buildings and the refinery for a price of Rs. 53 lakhs.

A MORE DEMOCRATIC BODY

The new association is a more democratic body and avoids the dual control which was a feature of the old Exchange, whose affairs were often in a state of confusion due to conflict between the proprietory interests as represented by the Board of Directors and the trading interests as represented by the Merchants' Committee. A further complication was introduced by the fact that members of the Board had also trading interests.

The frequent source of trouble in the old Exchange was the declaration of emergencies, which often led to litigation. But under the new Act, no emergency can be declared without the consent of the Government of Bombay nor can any consequential step be taken without Government consent.

The presence of two Government nominees on the Board of the Association is expected to have a healthy effect on the working of the Association. It is helps the Government on the one hand to get first hand knowledge of the working of the market and on the other, enables the Board to know and appreciate the point of view of the Government.

Russian Wheat For Madras & Calcutta

MADRAS, March 27 (API): The S. S. "Vladivostock", with a consignment of about 8,367 tons wheat from Russia, arrived at Madras harbour on March 26. This steamer will discharge about two mer will discharge about 2,000 tons here and then proceed to Calcutta to discharge the balance quantity there. The wheat to be discharged here is allotted to the Madras Province.

Italian Senate Vote On Atlantic Pact

ROME, March 27 (PTI-Reuter): The Italian Senate was expected to end its seven-day debate on the Atlantic Pact today, with a majority in favour of participation. It was estimated that at least 200 of the 340 Senators would vote for joining the alliance.

In the Chamber debate on the Pact, 342 deputies voted for participation and 170 against.

The debates so far have been on the issue of endorsing the Government's decision to take part in discussions of the Pact.

Both Houses will have to debate the pact itself after it is signed and before it has been ratified.

A.I.C.C. Session To Be Postponed

MADRAS, March 27 (API): The next session of the A.I.C.C. to be held in April is likely to be postponed, according to information received in Congress circles here.

The reason for postponement is stated to be Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's visit to London to attend the Commonwealth Premiers Conference next month.

The Congress Working Committee is expected to decide the matter at its meeting in Delhi on April 5.

NOTICE ON VIZAG SHIPYARD WORKERS TO BE WITHDRAWN

Shantikumar Morarjee On His Talks With Supply Minister

NEW DELHI, March 27 (API).—Mr. Shantikumar N. Morarjee of the Scindia Steam-Navigation Company in a statement today said that he had, after discussion with the Industry and Supply Minister, agreed that the notice which had been served on 363 skilled workers required for the construction of a fifth ship at Scindia's shipyard at Vizagapatam should be withdrawn, while the matter was under further consideration.

Mr Morarjee said: "As some misunderstanding has been created in certain quarters in regard to the interview which I have on March 25 regarding to the interview which I give on March 25 regarding the Vizag shipyard, I have to make it clear that the work on the third and fourth ships, which are under construction at present at Vizag is not stopped. The Company has merely decided not to lay down the keel of the fifth ship. It was only the skilled workers who were to be employed on that proposed fifth ship were served with notice. All other workers will be carrying on as hitherto the work on the construction of the third and fourth ships.

"Since I arrived in Delhi, I have discussed the matter with the Industry and Supply Minister and although the work on the construction of the fifth ship cannot be started immediately, yet in view of the advice given to me by him, I have agreed that the notice which was served on 363 skilled workers required for the fifth ship should be withdrawn, while the matter is under further consideration. I need not add that the original notice, which we had issued, was not due to any lack of encouragement from the Government of India, but had to be issued because the Company could not take further responsibility for financing the construction of ships under the present circumstances."

SCINDIAS' BARGAINING FOR BEST TERMS?

Delhi Surprised At Shantikumar's Statement

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Mar. 26.

Mr. Shantikumar Morarjee's statement on Vizagapatam shipbuilding yard has been received here with considerable surprise. Scindia offered the Government to acquire the yard last year, it was explained here. The Government have accepted in principle to acquire the yard and are in the midst of negotiations with Scindias at present.

This fact is known to Mr. Morarjee it is presumed here. If the Government is taking over the yard, the cost of production of ships would be no headache of Scindias it is asserted here.

New Delhi regards statement in the nature of pressure group of politics to acquire the best terms from the Government. The Government are likely to issue a "communique" explaining the whole position I learn.

FINANCIAL AID TO INDIAN SHIPPING

Government To Set Up Corporations And Participate In Running Services

NEW DELHI, MARCH 27 (UPI): MR. C.C. DESAI, INDIA'S COMMERCE SECRETARY, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, HAVE, WITH A VIEW TO GIVE SOME FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIAN SHIPPING, DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A FEW SHIPPING CORPORATIONS IN WHICH GOVERNMENT WOULD PARTICIPATE WITH PRIVATE SHIPPING COMPANIES IN THE PURCHASE OF NEW SHIPS AND IN RUNNING SHIPPING SERVICES.

THE FIRST OF THESE CORPORATIONS, HE ADDED, IS LIKELY TO BE ESTABLISHED VERY SOON AND TWO SHIPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PURCHASED FOR IT.

In an interview to the All-India Radio tonight, Mr. Desai emphasising the need for expansion of Indian-owned shipping tonnage said that the target should be two million tons, which was recommended by the Shipping Policy Committee, to handle the entire coastal trade and roughly 50 per cent of India's Overseas Trades within five to seven years.

INCREASED TONNAGE

In this connection Mr. Desai referred to the difficulties in acquiring fresh shipping tonnage and said that the Government had been giving every assistance to Indian companies to acquire tonnage by releasing the foreign exchange required, sponsoring their orders for new construction, and offering the assistance of its diplomatic and trade representatives in locating ships of the types required and in the negotiation of their purchase. As a result, he said Indian-owned tonnage has increased from about one lakh at the end of the war to over three lakhs at present.

Continuing he said: "Before the war, Indian shipping was confined to the coastal trade of India, Burma and Ceylon. It is now for the firs time that Indian shipping is sailing across the high seas to distant lands. Government had to give considerable support to the Indian shipping companies concerned in order to secure their entry into these overseas trade routes".

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When the goods for which the wagons are required are actually booked, the registration fee will be refunded under receipt, but is subject to forfeiture if the goods are not ready for despatch or if the allotment made is not taken up. (3846)

G. I. P. RAILWAY

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IT IS NOTIFIED for the information of the public that on and from April 1, 1949, train indicators at all Suburban Stations will show the names of stations at which trains do NOT halt, as against the existing practice of showing the names of stations at which trains halt. 3727

GIP RAILWAY—TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER of Stores invites tenders for the purchase of empty kerosene oil tins available at 'General' Stores Depot of this Railway at Lower Parel. Forms obtainable from his office at Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, at Rs. 2 - per copy, not refundable. Money Order or cash only. Closing date 26-4-1949. 3841

N. S. RAILWAY

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4. Applications should be submitted in the prescribed form only which can be obtained from the Personnel Officer, General Manager's Office, Secunderabad, on payment of O.S. Re. 1/- either in person or by Money Order. Full name and address of the applicant must be entered in ink in block capital letters in ENGLISH on the Money Order coupon on which also the post for which the application form is required should be clearly stated: otherwise the Money Order will not be accepted.

5. The last date for the issue of application forms is 9th April 1949 and the last date for receipt of application forms at the Labour Bureau is 14th April 1949.

G. SURYANARAYANA.
Personnel Officer.

Secunderabad 24-3-1949. 3838

BOMBAY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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DIRECTORATE OF LABOUR WELFARE BOMBAY

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Moong whole.	259 Maunds.
Oorid whole	30 "
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The stocks are lying at the Railway's Central Godown at 'D' shed Rayon Grain Market Masjid and can be inspected at site by intending Purchasers on any working day between 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

A sum of Rs. 250/- in cash must be deposited as Earnest money with the Chief Cashier G.I.P. Railway V.T. Bombay or with any GIP Railway Station Master and the money receipt obtained must be enclosed in original with the tender.

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Site plan, general lay out plan and section, showing spot levels and rock levels and other details with specifications will be available on application, on payment of Rs. 10/-, which sum is not refundable. Earnest money of Rs 10,000/- must be deposited with the tender. The tenders are to be submitted before 12 hours on 1st June, 1949 and to be deposited in the Tender Box of the Engineer-in-Chief, Loco Building Works Project Chittaranjan (Mihijam).

Engineer-in-Chief,
Loco Building Works Project,
Chittaranjan (Mihijam). 3839

PROCLAMATION NOTICE

In the District Munsiff's Court of Kottayam.

O. S. No. 1601 of 1107.

Plaintiff: MARKOSE KATHANAR JOSEPH KATHANAR of Eruthickal House, Kottayam kara, Kottayam pakuthy.

4th Defendant: ABRAHAM ABRAHAM of Varikkatt House, Veloor kara, Kottayam pakuthy, now residing in Y.M.C.A., Byculla, Bombay.

Whereas in the abovenamed suit the Plaintiff decree holder has applied for the sale of the attached property. You are hereby informed that the 18th day of Meenam 1124 corresponding to the 31st day of March, 1949, has been fixed for settling the terms of the proclamation of sale.

By order,
(Sd.).....
Head Clerk.
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GOVERNMENT OF FBOMBAY,

Civil Supplies Department,
Secretariat, Bombay.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for three temporary posts for a short duration of Deputy Engineers in the office of the Milk Commissioner.

PAY: Rs. 220-15-400. E.B.-20-500 E.B. 25-650 plus dearness allowance and other allowances under the rules. Higher starting pay will be given to suitable candidates.

QUALIFICATIONS: B.E. (Civil) degree of Bombay University or an equivalent qualification with practical experience for 4 years in the construction of buildings, roads, etc., preparation of plans and estimates of the same, or a D.C.E. with similar practical experience and also experience for about 4 years as a Sub-Divisional Officer.

DOMICILE: Bombay Province.

Displaced persons from Pakistan can apply.

Applications giving above particulars should be addressed direct to the Milk Commissioner, Wakefield House, Ballard Estate, Bombay, so as to reach him not later than 15th April, 1949.

S. M. MOGRE,
Establishment Officer.
Dated 26th March, 1949.

PUBLIC NOTICES

G.I.P. RAILWAY

AUCTION SALE NOTICE

The DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (Grainshops), G.I.P. Railway, Bombay V. T. will sell by Public Auction at Byculla Shed at 12 hours on 31-3-49, empties, Grainshop Commodities condemned or otherwise as mentioned below. Conditions governing the auction sale and other particulars if required can be had from the office of the Asstt. Controller, Grainshop, Bombay, upto 12 hrs. on 30-3-49.

Particulars of Grainshop stocks to be auctioned and quantities.

E. Gunny bags I	18000 Nos.*
E. Gunny bags II	14000 "
E. Gunny bags III	2000 "
E. G. Bags (Veg.)	300 "
E. G. Bags W. flour	1400 "
E. Bags W. flour (cloth)	30 "
Jaggery Wrappers	3600 "
E. Spices drums	13 "
E. Water Carrier Tins	32 "
E. Pure ghee tins	550 "
E. Veg. ghee tins	1130 "
E. Veg. ghee tins (small 5 lbs)	16 "
E. K. oil cans	149 @
E. Lipton cases I	240
E. Lipton cases III	265
E. B. B. Tea cases	280
E. Dehydrated Potatoes cases	3
E. Hamam cases	250
E. Milk Tin cases	50
E. Bar Soap cases	1400
Haldi	200 lbs !
Dry coconut	540 " !
Salt	50 Pls !
Chillies	460 lbs !
Tamarind	60 " !
Sugar	100 " !
Jaggery	2000 " !
Pure ghee	400 " !
Sweeping bags	32 bgs !
Mixed grain bags	50 " !
Chowli	32 pls !
Chuni bags	30 bgs
Dhania	80 lbs !
Dhania dust bags	2 " !
Charcoal dust	30 bgs !
Wooden splinters	LOT
Orid dal	3 pls !
E. Milk Tins bags	10 bgs
E. Biscuit tins	46
E. Deh. Potatoes tins	140
E. Planten tea cases	10
E. Bottles (small)	560
Varai	53 bgs !
Dehydrated Potatoes	49 cases

* Approximate @ Unserviceable
! Condemned

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AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF NORWEGIAN NEWSPRINT

AUCTION sale of 264 Rolls (Approx. 80 tons, 52 Grammes substance, Rolls 35" wide) Norwegian Newsprint, by order of the Office concerned, on TUESDAY 29th March, at 2-30 P.M. (S.T.) at CRAWFORD & CO.'s sale room, 132, Apollo St., Fort, Bombay. 25% cash deposit on the spot. Sales Tax will have to be paid. Delivery to be taken from Docks and B.P.T. Warehouse before 31st March, 1949.

AUCTION SALE of 450 Gunny bags, and 1,30,600 Caravan Cigarettes, by order of the Regional Disposals Commissioner, Bombay, at Station Supply Depot, next to Sassoon Dock, Colaba, on 29th March at 10-30 A.M. (S.T.). 25% cash deposit.

DISPOSAL OF CANTEEN GOODS

By order of the LIQUIDATORS, CANTEEN STORES DEPARTMENT, Messrs. CRAWFORD & CO., will sell by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, 30th March, 1949, at 11 a.m. (S.T.) at Canteen Stores Department Godown, near Rifle Range, Ghatkopar (G.I.P.), big lots Sauce, Grapenuts, Money Belts, Shave Cream, Lamps, Mugs, Sarbat, Soap, Marmite, Soup, Powder etc., etc. 25 p.c. cash deposit and Sales Tax. Delivery of goods from Ghatkopar before 7-4-49. For catalogues apply to: CRAWFORD & CO., Government Auctioneers, 132, Apollo St., Fort, Bombay.

Under instructions from the B.B. & C.I. Railway and in accordance with the provisions of Section 55 and 56 of the Indian Railways Act No. IX of 1890, MENESSE & CO., will sell by Public Auction on MONDAY, the 28th and Tuesday the 29th March, 1949 at 2 p.m. (S.T.) at Carnac Bridge, Goods Depot, Unclaimed Booked and Unbooked Parcels.

MENESSE & CO. will sell by public auction on WEDNESDAY the 30th inst at 3 p.m. (S.T.) at Sewree Cotton Depot near Salvage Corps Station Compound, by order of the Insurance Office concerned the following damaged Goods salved from the late fire that occurred in the shop of M/s. Bombay Import and Export Agency I Lot of Foreign and Indian Fancy and Torchan Lenes Saree Borders Jari Borders Silk and Cotton Kinars (Fancy); Sil Khajoori & Cotton Vankial.

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Madras News-Letter

TRIANGULAR CONTEST FOR CONGRESS PARTY LEADERSHIP

Nadar And Prakasam Back Dr. Subbaroyan

(From Our Correspondent)

MADRAS, (By Air Mail).

In completing the enumeration of voters on the basis of adult franchise, and the preparation of electoral rolls for the elections under the new constitution, Madras has undoubtedly given a lead to other provinces. The final figures of the number of persons enumerated in the municipalities, major panchayats and in the various taluks was 25,749,856, which represents 48 per cent of the total estimated population of the province, namely, the population, acording to the 1941 census figures plus 8 per cent to reprsent the interim increase. The percentage of enumeration varied from 41.7 per cent in Madras city to 57.4 per cent in Nellore and Kistna districts. Compared with the United Provinces, which is the other province where enumeration has been completed, the percentage of enumeration in Madras is much higher, it being only 45.8 of the total estimated population in the former.

It has been pointed out by a Government spokesman that the population ordinarily eligible for registration would be something less than 50 per cent of the total population. In Madras, the registration of 48 per cent of the population approximates very closely to the normal percentage and it can, therefore, be claimed that the enumeration work has on the whole been carried out with commendable accuracy. It remains now for these lists to be finalised and printed, which is the most difficult part of the business. The cost of the staff etc. in connection with enumeration has been incurred by the provincial Government and it is proposed to ask the Government of India to meet half of it.

LEGISLATURE CONGRESS PARTY LEADERSHIP

The election of the leader of the Madras Legislature Congress Party has been finally fixed for March 31. Speculation is naturally rife in this connection as to what will happen on that date. While strong influences are working in favour of the continuance of the STATUS QUO, and the retention of the leadership of Mr. O. P. Ramaswami Reddiar, there are equally strong influences working in the opposite direction. The alternative names for the leadership that are being canvassed are those of Dr. P. Subbaroyan and Mr. M. Bhaktavatsalam, at present Public Works Minister. Much depends on the way in which Mr. Kamaraja Nadar wants the issue to be settled and he is known to favour Dr. P. Subbaroyan as against Mr. Reddiar. Mr. T. Prakasam, who at one time, was considered as a likely alternative to Mr. Reddiar, is now reported to be definitely out of the picture. He is stated to be willing to support and candidate put up by Mr. Nadar.

HINDI COMPULSORY FOR GOVERNMENT SERVANTS

The anti-Hindi agitation in South India has produced a significant reaction in that the Madras Government are contemplating making knowledge of Hindi a qualification for entry into Government service and for Government officers generally. The Madras Premier who made an announcement about this said that the Government were going to make a rule shortly that every Government servant should have a knowledge of Hindi.

The anti-Hindi agitation in the South has been engineered by a few disgruntled elements constituting the Dravidian Federation. Its counterpart, the Black Shirts, have been making themselves abnoxious by their virulent campaign of abuse and hatred against the Brahim community in the South. The anti-Hind agitation is only another aspect of the anti-Brahmin agitation and both are inspired by an anti-North India and anti-Aryan bias. The promoters of this agitation believe that there is some kind of antogonism between north and south and between Aryans and Dravidans. The Madras Premier also, for the first time, unequivocally deplored the creation of ill-feeling against "a particular community", by which he meant the Brahmin Community by a few individuals and warned those who indulged in this game. Whether the Premier's warning will have a sorbing effect on the Dravidian Federation and the Black Shirts whose activities are creating a very unsettled state of affairs in the Southern districts remains to be seen.

LAND RECLAMATION SCHEME

In the light of the programme of intensifying food production chalked out by the Government of India, which includes large-scale reclamation of waste land throughout the country, it will be interesting to note that the Madras Government have five-year programme of reclaiming waste land and bringing under cultivation four lakhs of acres of land at a cost of Rs. 10 crores. This scheme is to be tried in four districts namely, Nellore, Anantapur, Ramnad and Tinnevelli. It is expected that the Madras Government scheme will be correlated to the Central Government's over-all scheme of land reclamation.

JUSTICE WITHIN REACH OF POOR LITIGANTS

Beneficent Working Of Civil And Sessions Court For Greater Bombay

The working of the first six months of the City Civil and Sessions Court for Greater Bombay, which commenced functioning in the middle of August last, has fully borne out the necessity for this Court and amply fulfilled the expectations entertained about it.

On the criminal side, the Court holds trials of sessions cases for Greater Bombay. It sits throughout the year for the disposal of criminal work and holds, in all, six criminal sessions —one session during summer having been added to the number formerly fixed in the High Court.

ADEQUATE NUMBER OF JUDGES.

The sessions have been so arranged that ordinarily no accused need be detained in custody for more than a month after he is committed for trial. To this end a sufficient number of Judges, depending upon the number of cases, is diverted to the criminal side for each criminal session. The result has been that the disposal of sessions cases does not remain in arrears.

This new system of criminal trials has conferred additional benefits on accused persons, in that persons sentenced to death invariably get a right of appeal when the sentence is submitted to the High Court for confirmation and the right of appeal in other cases is also made more liberal.

Experience shows that accused persons have not been slow to take advantage of these benefits. In all other respects, the long and established tradition of jury trials in Bombay has been maintained unimpaired.

The new Sessions Court for Greater Bombay has thus achieved expedition and improvement in the dispensation of criminal justice, at the same time effected a saving of judicial power in the High Court.

On the civil side, the Court disposes of suits and other proceedings not exceeding Rs 10,000 in value other than those specially cognizable by the High Court and the Court of Small Causes In addition to the suits transferred by the High Court, over 600 suits were instituted in this Court during the last six months.

The increasing popularity and utility of the Court are demonstrated by the fact that over 200 suits were instituted between January 1 and February 7 last Judging by the recent figures, it is expected that the average institution per annum would be in the neighbourhood of 2,000. Excepting for the years 1947 and 1948, the average institution of regular suits on the Original Side of the High Court, which had unlimited jurisdiction, was itself about 2,000.

BOON TO POORER LITIGANTS.

The City Civil Court has thus supplied a genuine need and brought justice within the reach of the litigants of limited means. As was expected, suits of diverse kinds, such as partnership suits, suits for declaration and injunction, mortgage suits, etc., have been instituted in this Court. The system of institution fees, far from discouraging money suits, has maintained unaffected their proportion in relation to other suits. The proportion of summary suits is also about the same as in the High Court, namely, in the neighbourhood of 30 to 40 per cent. Institution fees, with liberal refunds and the scales of advocate's fees, have been so arranged that in practice a summary suit of pecuniary value up to Rs. 5,000 involves less cost than it used to do in the High Court. All other uncontested litigation is less costly than in the High Court; and contested litigation is certainly less expensive. Judged by the experience, the City Civil Court bids fair to be a popular Court in future.

In this Court, the dual system, which requires the engagement of a solicitor and counsel in every civil suit and proceeding, does not obtain and all members of the legal profession are entitled to practice. At present, it seems that attorneys themselves have been putting in appearances in more than 50 per cent of the suits It is expected that in course of time other members of the legal profession will get an increasing share of work in this Court; and that it will thus go a long way towards the desired goal of the unification of the Bar.

RAJADHYAKSHA FOREIGN EDUCATION SOCIETY

The 25th annual general meeting of the Rao Bahadur S. V. Rajadhyaksha G.S.B. Foreign Education Society held in Bombay on Sunday, March 27, 1949, under the presidenship of the Hon. Mr. Justice G. S Rajadhyaksha, adopted the Committee's Report and Audited Statements of Accounts for the year 1948.

The Report showed that the Society had advanced in all loan scholarships of the aggregate sum of Rs. 1,02,766 to 23 scholars drawn from the different parts of the country to get higher scientific and technical education in foreign countries, and has built up a Permanent Fund of Rs 2,07,509. The amount repaid by past scholars amounts to Rs. 70,806.

The following are the office-bearers of the Society:

CHAIRMAN: The Hon Mr. Justice G. S. Rajadhyaksha.

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Dewan Bahadur Dr. J. S. Nerurker.

HON. SECRETARIES: Mr. S. L. Kanadi and Mr. Y. H. Suktnankar.

HON. TREASURER: Mr. V. M. Telang.

HON.AUDITORS: Messrs. J. K. Parulkar & Co.

Women As Home Guards In Bombay Province

POONA, March 27 (API): The Poona District Home Guards unit celebrated its first anniversary today. The occasion was marked by the holding of a ceremonial parade at which the Premier of Bombay, Mr. B. G. Kher, took the salute and presented colours.

Addressing the parade, Mr. Kher said that it was the duty of the Home Guards to serve the people and stand by the State whenever it called upon them in times of need. He was glad that the Home Guards in Poona had done good work in guarding important installations during the Hyderabad police action and also when the country was threatened by a strike on the railways.

The Premier added that the Government had also in mind a plan to raise a women's organisation on the lines of the Home Guards.

The Commandant of the Home Guards, Prof. S. K. Kulkarni, stated that the eight branches of the unit in Poona proper and the talukas had 1,400. guards. Besides the regular units, the organisation had its own medical, fire fighting and transport units.

The Inspector-General of Police, Mr. N. M. Kamte, in a message to the Home Guards said: "Every state must rely on force, but the army of a democratic state is the people, and it is the sanction of their will which is the foundation of the security of the State and not the military power as such. The most important problem today is the problem of security, of law and order."

"The Home Guards organisation," Mr. Kamte added, "must be an emblem of selflessness, truth and devotion to duty and, at the same time, be free from communalism and party politics."

U.N. CHILDREN'S FUND

Marked Extension Of Work Outside Europe

A marked extension of the work of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund in areas outside Europe, notably in the Far East and Latin America, is taking place and proportionately more of the Fund's money is being allocated for non-European countries, it was pointed out following a recent meeting of the Fund's 26-nation Executive Board at Lake Success.

Maurice Pate, UNICEF Executive Director summarized the Board's action as follows:

ASIA: An additional 4,500,000 dollars was allocated on the following basis: 2,000,000 dollars for China; 1,000,000 dollars for South-East Asia; 1,500,000 dollars for Japan and Korea.

Previously, more than 6,000,000 dollars had been set aside for China; 1,700,000 dollars for South-East Asia; and 2,000,000 dollars for India, Pakistan and Ceylon.

The Far Eastern area had also previously received 1,500,000 dollars for a BCG vaccination campaign against tuberculosis. Of that amount 1,000,000 was for India, Ceylon and Pakistan; 500,000 dollars for China.

LATIN AMERICA: The sum of 2,000,000 dollars is definitely allocated. It will subsequently be divided among countries applying for assistance.

AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST: The sum of 500,000 dollars was allocated for anti-tuberculosis vaccination campaigns in Tunisia, Morocco and Lebanon.

MORE MONEY NEEDED

"The need now is for more fund", Mr. Pate concluded. "Otherwise we cannot go on. All moneys on hand or pledged, except for a reserve of less than 1,000,000 dols, are allocated now, and for programmes that even in the face of the some European recovery are still far short of meeting the needs.

"UNICEF supplies are still having to be spread thin to make the additional half-meal a day the Fund is providing. The Fund has made a contribution to assist the 350,000 children and pregnant and nursing women among the Arab and Jewish refugees, but it is not yet bringing assistance to the children of Middle Eastern countries. There is likewise great need for further help in Asia and Latin America.

"The Fund, as a going operation, is prepared to help the children, but it can do so only as it received further support from governments and from the second world-wide United Nations Appeal on behalf of children that is now being launched."

INDIAN PROFESSOR FOR NEW YORK INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, March 24 (PTI-Reuter): Prof. P. T. Raju, of the Department of Philosophy of Andhra University, Waltair, has accepted an appointment as Professor of Indian Philosophy at the Asia Institute, New York.

An announcement by the Asia Institute Chancellor, Mr. Arthur Upham Pope, said that the appointment was made possible through a special grant of funds from the Tata Trust of Bombay.

LONDON UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIPS

NEW DELHI, March 23.

Intimation has been received by the Ministry of Education, Government of India from the University of London inviting applications for the following research fellowship:—

(1) Turner and Newall Research Fellowship in engineering, inorganic chemistry, physics or an allied subject, tenable from October 1,1949 normally for three years in the first instance;

(2) Imperial Chemical Industries Research Fellowships in biochemistry chemistry, engineering, pharmacology, physics or allied subjects, for which some appointments will be made during the current academic year. The fellowships will normally be tenable from October 1, 1949 for three years in the first instance.

The salary in the case of both the followships will depend on qualifications and experience but will be within the range of £500. £900 per annum.

Detailed regulations and application forms can be obtained from the Academic Registrar University of London, Senate House, W. C. 1 and applications must be received at that address not later than April 30, 1949.

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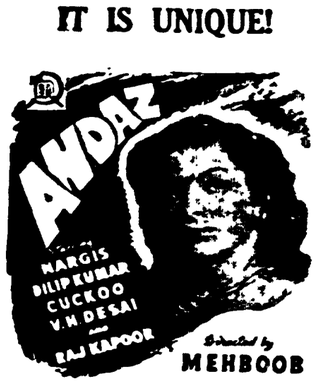

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LOWTIDE: 05-44 17-33
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION:—3 p.m. (B. T.).

To-day's Engagements

P.E.N.: There will be a Hindi musical recital, by Shri Prem Kanta, conducted by Shri S. R. Pandeya, today (Monday), at 6-15 p.m., in the Darbar Hall of the Bombay Branch, Royal Asiatic Society, Town Hall.

GREATER BOMBAY CO-OPERATIVE BOARD: Inauguration of the "CO-OPERATIVE TRAINING CLASS" at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) today at the BOMBAY PROVINCIAL CO-OPERATIVE INSTITUTE, Bakehouse Lane, Fort. Dewan Bahadur H. L. Kaji, will inaugurate the classes.

BOMBAY PRIVATE MOTOR DRIVERS' UNION: The Bombay Private Motor Drivers' Union has decided to observe Sunday (April 3) as Drivers' Day to invite the attention of public and of the Government of Bombay to the grievances of the private motor Drivers. Flag salutation, procession, and meeting has been fixed by the Union.

BOMBAY CIVIC ASSOCIATION: A public meeting will be held at Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, at 6-30 p.m. today to consider the Shroff Committee's report on Municipal Finance.

Messrs. Naushir C. Bharucha and Dinkar D. Desai, will be the principal Speakers.

POSTAL NOTICE: Consequent on the termination of Customs union agreement with French establishments in India on 31st March, 1949, all parcels booked at post offices in India for Pondicherry, Karikal, Mahe, Yenam and Chandernagore and vice versa will, with effect from 1st April, 1949, be accompanied by Customs declarations as for foreign articles, and letters containing dutiable goods, by green lable says a postal notification.

AT YOU: Today Brains' Bank and a short talk on "How Parsi Panchayet Trustees Are Elected?" at YOU today (Monday) Cama (Library) Hall 6-15 p.m.

DANCE IN AID OF GUJERAT RELIEF FUND

Under the auspices of the Bombay Presidency Women's Council, a dance in aid of the Gujerat Famine Relief Fund, will be held at Radio Club, from 8 p.m. to midnight today (Monday).

Radio

BOMBAY, Monday, March 28.
244 m. (1,231 kc/s)
31.41 m. (9,550 kc/s)
7-30 a.m. B. V. Pendharkar 7-45 Ramanlal Murtiwala (Gujarati Geeto) 8-0 News (E) 8-30 Ghulam Qadir Khan (Vocal) 8-45 News (G).
244 m. (1231 kc/s)
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12-45 p.m. Musical Interlude 1-0 News (G) 1-10 Mishra Sangeet 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Music from the "Emerald Isle".
244 m. (1,231 kc/s)
31.41 m. (9,550 kc/s)
4-20 p.m. School Broadcast 5-0 Kashinath Tulpule (Gujarawa baje) 5-40 Balak Ram (Thumri and Bajan) 5-40 Gajanan Y. Sarvate Kahe saikhi kaise kariye Yaman Yeri ali pivabin 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-20 B. V. Pendharkar Nav chandika radhika Pad (S. A. Shukla) 6-35 Mohantara Talpade (Vocal music) 7-0 Topic of the Day 7-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report 7-15 Ramkrishna Dhawan Violin par Des 7-30 Arthik Avalokan' Economic review in Gujarati by C. L. Gheewala 7-45 Jalsa 7-45 to 8-0 Interval on Short Wave 41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s) from 8-0 to 11-0 p.m. 8-0 Gajanan Y. Sarvate Morna bole sawanki rat Hatjin kariye (Kedar) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 B. V. Pendharkar 9-0 News (E) 9-15 Kasrinath Tulpule 9-30 B. B. C. News Relay 9-40 Anything Goes 9-45 Talk in (E) 10-0 Imelda Gonsalves (Vocal recital) 10-15 City of Birmingham Orchestra Conducted by George Weldon 10-30 Eric Nissen 10-45 The Philharmonic Orchestra.
253 m. (850 kc/s)
41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)
7-45 a.m. News (K) 8-0 Ramkrishna Dhawan (Violin) 8.15 News (H) 8-30 News (M) 8-45 Mohantara Talpade Raja Badha krut Bhargeet.
253 m. (850 kc/s)
31.41 m. (9,550 kc/s)
12-50 p.m. News (M) 1-0 Ilahi Baksh (Vocal) 1-30 Musical Interlude 1-40 News (H) 1-50 Bahnon Ke Liye 2-20 Mixed Melodies.
253 m. (850 kc/s)
41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)
6-0 p.m. Ilahi Baksh (Vical music) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners 7-30 Commercial News 7-45 News (K) 8-0 News (M) 8-15 Balak Ram (Thumri) 9-0 Ramanlal Murtiwala (Gujarati Geeto) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 Ilahi Baksh (Vocal) 10-0 "Dookhiari Dinoo" (Drama) 10-30 Ghulam Qadir Khan.

BARODA, MONDAY, March 28.
250 m. (1,200 kc/s)
7-30 a.m. Variety 7-45 Bhagvantrao Vaghmare (Flute recital) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 Ramanlal Thakore (Vocal) 8-30 Jyotila Yagnik (Light songs) 8-45 News (G) 8-0 p.m. News (E) 8-10 Interludes 8-15 For Rural Areas Relayed from Bombay 6-35 Garbi Geeto 7-0 Jyotilal Yagnik (Light songs) 7-15 Dost Mohammad (Vocal) 7-30 Bhagwantrao Vaghmare (Dilruba recital) 7-45 Topic of the Day 7-55 Dwandwa Geeto 8-30 Local Announcements and Weather Report 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Dost Mohammad (Vocal) 9-0 News in (E) 9-15 "Lal Rukka" Feature in Gujarati 9-30 Gujarati Geeto 9-45 Film Variety 10-0 Ramanlal Thakor (Vocal).

NEW DELHI, March 27, (U.P.I.): India has now trade or consular representatives in seven countries in Europe, five countries in the Western Hemisphere; eleven countries in Asia, two in Africa and one in Australia, The Commerce Secretary of India, Mr. C. C. Desai stated in New Delhi today.

FIRST AIR OP PILOTS

Brig. Anup Singh, Brigadier Artillery, Southern Command, pinning the coveted wings to the breast of Lt. Jaidka, one of the six young Gunner officers who were first Air O.P. pilots to qualify for their wings in India.

The first batch of six Air O.P. pilots to be trained in India were presented their wings on Saturday morning by Brig. Anup Singh, Brigadier Artillery Southern Command, at the Royal Indian Artillery School, Deviali.

Air O.P. pilots are experienced Gunner officers of the R.I.A. who are trained to fly light aircraft so that they can conduct thir O.Ps., or Observation Posts, from the air, thus obtaining a greater field of visibility.

After the presentation of wings the Air O.P. pilots took off in Austers and flew past in formation. This was followed by a short demonstration of the manoeuvrability of these little craft by Major Sain who took off in 85 yards and, on landing, stopped his Auster within 50 yards after touching-down.

Concluding the performance a flight of 12 Tempests of No. 2 Group R.I.A.F. flew over in a series of formations.

NEHRU ABHINANDAN GRANTH

The Nehru Abhinandan Granth Committee, which is presenting Commemoration Volumes in Hindi and English to the Prime Minister of India on the completion of his 60th year in November next, desires to have access to photographs, authentic anecdotes, and personal letters of public interest for inclusion in them. The Committee will undertake to return these things with due care, and acknowledgments will be made in respect of the used ones. Correspondence may be addressed to the Nehru Abhinandan Granth Committee, Prabhudayal Buildings, Connaught Circus, New Delhi.

LADY RAM RAU IN CITY

BOMBAY, Sunday:

"Lady Rama Rau, wife of the retiring Indian Ambassador in Washington, Sir Benegal Rama Rau, arrived in Bombay from London by the S. S. "Canton" today.

Sir Benegal is expected here next week. He will take up his appointment as Governor of the Reserve Bank of India in April."

Lady Rama Rau in an interview, said that India's importance in Asia was recognised in the United States, though the average American knew very little about India's history or background.

Lady Rama Rau was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Pramila Wagle. Her second daughter, Miss Shanta Rama Rau, who is now in Singapore, will arrive in Bombay shortly.

Tributes To Late Mr. Gajendragadkar

BOMBAY, Sunday: Mr. S. K. Patil, President of the Bombay Provinc Congress Committee today paid eloquent tributes to the manifold services rendered to Bombay by the late Lt.-Col. A. B. Gajendragadkar, founder of the Swastik League, Bombay.

The occasion was the unveiling ceremony of the portrait of late Prof. Gajendragadkar which Mr. Patil performed at the Swastik League Mandir, Vithalbhai Patel Road this morning.

Mr. Patil said that the late Prof. Gajendragadkar was not only an eminent educationist and scholar of Sanskrit but he had all the qualities of real leadership in him. The object of his life was to serve suffering humanity and therefore he was associated with a number of organisations, working in the city rendering social services to the people. He was the life and soul of the Swastik League and through that organisation which he formed, he rendered valuable and selfless service to the citizens of Bombay. When the Home Guard movement started, the late Prof. Gajendragadkar offered his services to that organisation and accepted a post as Commandant.

An educationist, Mr. Patil concluded, Prof. Gajendragadkar was very popular and it would be difficult to fill in the gap caused by his death.

WEATHER

WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, March 27. (A. P. I.): The following is daily weather summary for sunday, the 27th march, 1949

Weather has been mainly dry over the country. Day temperatures were appreciably above normal in the north Bombay, Deccan, the north Konkan and South Gujarat Surat has recorded 108 deg. F.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL THE EVENING OF 28TH:—Weather will be mainly dry over the country. No large change in temperatures is expected.

AUTOMOBILE EMPLOYEES UNION'S APPEAL TO GOVERNMENT

Extend Provisions Of Industrial Relations Act To Automobile Industry In Bombay

BOMBAY, Sunday.

The second annual conference of the Bombay Automobile Employees Union held at Jinnah Hall this morning urged upon Government to extend the provisions of the Bombay Industrial Relations Act to the automobile industry in Bombay, Mr Abid Ali Jafferbhai, President of the Bombay Branch of the Indian National Trade Union Congress presided.

The Conference also mads a demand that the profit sharing, unemployment insurance and other welfare schemes should be made applicable to the employees in this industry.

WORK FOR KISAN-MAZDOOR RAJ

Addressing the Conference, Mr. Abid Ali referred to the urgent problems of the country and said that toilers in fields and factories should play their part in laying a foundation for a progressive and prosperous India. He said that if workers had backed up whole-heartedly the 1942 movement, they would have had more voice in the present Government. They must realise their duties and responsibilities and work for the attainment of Kisan-Mazdoor Raj which could be built up only by the toil and sacrifice of workers, he added.

Mr. Abid Ali warned workers not to be misled by high-sounding slogans raised by some self-interested parties. Alluding to Communists, he said that they were breeding discontent among the people and working to create chaotic conditions in the land. He pointed out that they asked Warlis of Palghar District to burn rice when food was scare in the country. "These people," he demanded, "must be publicly hanged."

NO NEED OF OPPOSITION

The need of the hour, he said was to work for and build up a new and strong nation and not to create an opposition to the present Government. Unless India attained a position in the comity of nations, he said there was no need of a position. He caled upon the people to improve and strengthen the Congress and instal such peopde in power as those who really believed in Kisan Mazdoor Praja Raj and who would work to fulfil dreams of Mahatma Gandhi.

Mr. H. N. Trivedi, Secretary of the Union reviewed the activities of the Union and said that it had undertaken many social and cultural activities with a view to increasing its contact with the members. This year, he said, the Union had decided to launch a campaign to organise co-operative societies in every branch of social life. The Union had also envisaged to set up a co-operative motor garage owned and run entirely by workers.

RESOLUTIONS

By a resolution, the Conference demanded that the present narrow definition of "workman" in the Central Trade Disputes Act of 1947 should be amended so as to include all employees drawing a basic salary of Rs. 600 per month, whether calculated hourly, daily or monthly and irrespective of their designation or nature of work.

The Conference urged Government to amend Trade Dispute Act of 1947, so as to empower Insdustrial Tribunals to go into unfair labour practices of employers.

SAFEGUARD WORKERS' INTERESTS

By another resolution, the Conference requested Government that in the event of the establishment of Appellate Industrial Tribunals, the interests of workers should be sufficiently safeguarded against the delaying tactics of employers in enforcement of Awards of Industrial Tribunals.

The Conference also demanded an enquiry into the conditions of employees in the automobile industry and legislation preventing employers taking unfair advantage of the period succeeding the expiry of Awards.

FILLIP TO BURMESE ELECTIONS

Government Enlarges Commission

RANGOON, March 27 (API): The Burma Government has added four more names to its three-man Election Commission in an effort to beat the July 4 time limit fixed for a general election by the constitution. The present widespread disturbances were officially given today as the reason for enlarging the commission. Thakin Wa Tin member of the Supreme Council of the anti-Fascist Peoples Freedom League, the Government Party, at the same time warned that peace in Burma seemed so remote "that it might not be easy to hold any elections in the near future." Under the constitution, the general election must take place within 18 months of independence from Britain, which was granted on January 4 last year.

Earlier the Government fixed March 28, as Election Day, but the disturbances, heightened by the Karen revolt, halted preparations. Headed by Chief Justice Sir Ba U, the Election Commission's task is to investigate the extent of the disturbances, determine the number of districts affected and recommend whether the election is to held. It's report is not yet complete, but is expected shortly.

If a further postponement of the election is necessary, the constitution will have to be amended to allow the present Government under Thakin Nu to stay in office as a legal body. If the report recommends that elections should be held, the Government will have only a few weeks to make final preparations. These will include an overhaul of the electoral rolls, now out of order as a result of the migration of the population trying to evade the fighting. In some cases an entirely fresh list of rolls must be prepared to replace those destroyed by rebel action.

The Government will have to erect 8,000 polling booths throughout the country and guard them with a force of at least 56,000 policemen. The party line up in the elections is not yet clear. Most political aspirants appear to share official doubts whether elections will be held at all.

MEDICAL OFFICER "TRAPPED"

(From Our Correspondent.)

KALYAN, March 25.

An Assistant Surgeon, G.I.P. Railway Hospital at Kalyan was trapped while accepting an illegal gratification of a few rupees from a railway employee for taking him into sick list by the Anti-Corruption Branch of the Government of Thana. Two days ago a bogus customer was sent to the Hospital with marked notes by the Thana District Anti-Corruption Branch and trapped the Assistant Surgeon there

The Thana District Local Board elections were held at Kalyan for Kalyan Taluka. There were three seats for which Congress had set up three candidates. From the voting, it is understood, there was a good support for the Congress candidates.

The citizens of Kalyan will go to polls on Sunday next to elect 27 candidates out of 59 for the Kalyan Borough Municipality.

JUBBULPORE, March 26, (API): Fifty persons were injured and 15 others including Mr. Ramsahaya, ex-Minister and Mr. Ramlal Jain, Secretary Panna District Congress, were arrested, when a crowd staged black-flag demonstration against Sardar Narmada Prasad Singh, Revenue Minister, Vindhya Pradesh on the occasion of his visit to Panna. The police made a lathi charge on the demonstrators and dispersed them.

EGYPTIAN DELEGATION IN KASHMIR

Tribute To Sheikh Abdullah's Leadership

SRINAGAR, March 27, (U.P.I.): "The East is now having its own leadership. It no longer looks to the West for inspiration thanks to the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi in India and Zaglul Pasha in Egypt," said the leader of the Egyptian press delegation at a reception held by the Radio Kashmir yesterday.

The leader of the delegation pointed out that the task began by Mahatma Gandhi and Zaglul Pasha in their life time was being continued by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in India and Sheikh Abdullah in Kashmir.

Referring to the conditions in Kashmir he said: We feel pround to find some traditions of Islamis talerance among muslims in Kashmir as among the Egyptians. Here N. Kashmir as in Egypt people do not bother about the religion to which they belong. This is a great lesson and good experience gathered by us When we go back to Egypt we will tell our countrymen that they should feel pround of their brethern in Kashmir"

U. N. C. I. P. Delegates In Karachi

KARACHI, March 26, (A.P.I.): Delegates of the United Nations Kashmir Commission who arrived here tonight from New Delhi are to meet the Pakistan Foreign Minister Sir Mohammed Zafrulla Khan and Minister without Portfolio Mr. Mustaq Gurmani tomorrow.

Adviser To Greater Rajasthan Union

HYDERABAD, March 27 (UPI): Mr. D. R. Pradhan, Additional Chief Civil Administrator, Hyderabad, who was on deputation from the Bombay Government since the "police action" is leaving the State in a couple of days, the United Press of India learns. Mr. Pradhan has been appointed Adviser to the Greater Rajasthan Union, it is further learnt.

Burmese And Siamese Rice For S. India

MADRAS, March 27 (API): The S. S. "Jalavihar" with a consignment of about 7,821 tons rice from Burma arrived at Cochin harbour on March 23. Out of this quantity, Travancore has been allotted 2,000 tons and Cochin 1,500 tons. The balance will be stored in the Central Storage Depot, Cochin.

The S. S. "Jaladuta", carrying about 7,390 tons rice from Burma arrived on March 24, 1949, at the Alleppey Port. The entire consignment is allotted to Travancore.

The S. S. "Anastassia", carrying 8,065 tons rice from Siam arrived at Cochin Harbour on March 24. Out of this consignment Madras has been allotted 1,865 tons, Travancore 2,500 tons and Cochin 1,500 tons. The balance is to be stored in the Central Storage Depot.

Buddhist Relics For Calcutta

PATNA, March 27 (API): The sacred relics of Sariputta and Maha Moggalana, the two chief disciples of Lord Buddha, which were brought here on March 20, were taken back to Calcutta this evening by the Delhi Express.

Several Buddhists monks of the Mahabodhi Society are accompanying the relics.

A guard of honour was presented at the station by the armed police at the time of their departure and also a salute of 17 guns was given.

A large crowd, including some prominent officials and non-officials, saw them off.

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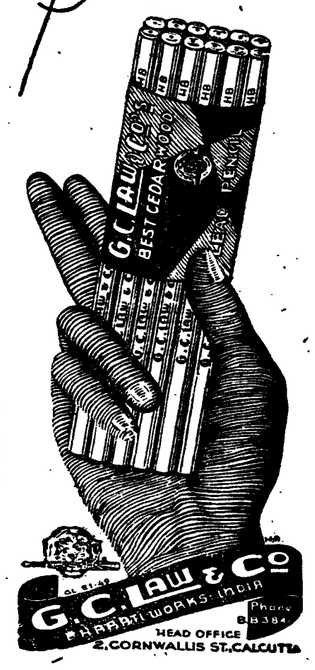

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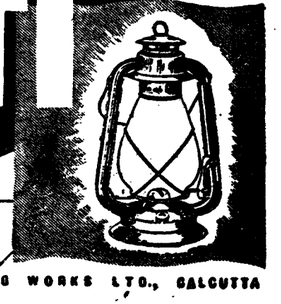

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Let us not be guilty of the clumsy impatience of demanding from the present what the future will bring without effort. —TALLEYRAND

RAILWAY ECONOMICS

In the debate on the Railway Budget, several members regretted that the report of the Indian Railway Inquiry Committee was not available to the Indian Parliament before the discussion. The Report has now been released to the public. The first impression on the reader is that the Transport Minister had been considerably influenced in forming his budget proposals by this comprehensive document, even though the members of the House were unaware of its contents. It is surprising that so thorough an investigation should sourfit so like the grievances of suburban passengers but, if ever an official report confirmed public feeling, this one certainly does. The Report takes a wide sweep and arrives at the conclusion that conditions are far from satisfactory and that the immediate future of the railways is not very bright. Financially, operating expenses are far too high considering the total route mileage and the gross receipts. Whilst in speed, punctuality and conditions of travel there has been general deterioration since 1938. Roughly speaking, the Committee is charged with the task of suggesting improvements which will bring efficiency and economy to Indian Railways.

The recommendations of the Committee cover three aspects, broadly speaking: Overhauling the administrative organisation; considering the railway requirements of locomotives, coaches and wagons and the track and surveying the work done in the workshops; and improving the efficiency of the staff. Expressing the view that the Railway Board as at present constituted is unsatisfactory, the Committee propose the setting up of a statutory authority at the end of five years when conditions in the country are settled, and immediate reform in the functioning of the Railway Board in the intervening years. The Statutory Authority is to consist of six members and a chairman working in close co-operation with the Minister for Railways. One member is to possess knowledge of finance and be the nominee of the Finance Minister and another is to have a grasp of labour organisation. With the setting up of the Authority, the Railway Board will be changed into the Railway Central Executive and the staff of the railways will all become servants of the Authority. For the transition years, the Committee recommend that there should be steady decentralisation, minimising to the utmost references to the Railway Board and a gradual reduction of the number of Board members to the pre-war size. The Committee consider at length the comparative merits of departmental and divisional organisation and arrive at the conclusion that generally the first, being a division of work according to functions, is preferable to divisional, or regional, distribution. But they recommend a fuller study of the subject and its peculiar problems before deciding one way or the other. These recommendations are made after a practical study of the working of the Railway Board and existing problems encountered in the speedy redress of grievances. There will be general acceptance of the scheme since a statutory corporation affords a happy compromise between nationalisation and private enterprise, avoiding the evils of both.

The second interest of the Committee is the number and condition of rolling stock, the facilities for repair and maintenance, and the technique of arriving at what is the country's railway requirement with an eye to achieving both efficiency and economy. In the matter of railway districts for supervision, of rails and sleepers, and of supervisory staff for the tracks, there are wide variations between one railway system and another. The Committee have drawn attention to the waste attendant on this diversity of policy and rather haphazard practice; nor has it been possible to obtain any valid reason to justify the erratic lack of system. The Committee admit that they have no scientific data to determine the economic density of sleepers per mile to suit particular traffic conditions. But they point out certain obvious extravagances. "For instance, a track laid with wooden sleepers to a particular standard is not as strong with respect to lateral strength as a track laid with steel trough sleepers of the next lower standard. Notwithstanding this variation, in carrying out sleeper renewal programmes even on good formations, no account is taken of the type of sleepers with the result that, if wooden sleepers are replaced by steel, the number per mile remains very often the same". A similar example about rail replacement is cited. Research in this was begun in 1938 but suspended owing to the war but the Chief Controller of Standardisation reported in 1940 that "the financial implications are large and amply justify further research". Interesting observations are offered on the welding of rails which is not yet common on Indian railways. In other countries, both economy and service are reported from this. In India, say the Committee, "one railway obtains a life of one year out of reconditioned crossings while another obtains an average of 4 years; the costs of reconditioning vary considerably." Referring to the situation regarding repair and maintenance of rolling stock, the Committee report that it is generally unsatisfactory and on some railways even grave. "The present deplorable condition of the workshops is largely attributable to faulty direction and management". The impression left by the Committee is that there is too much lethargy and defeatism in the men in charge of the workshops, who "have some vague plans to improve efficiency but their chief hope lies in some adventitious happening to work the miracle of increased output". The efficiency of labour, they assert, has gone down by 33 to 40 per cent. "There is no gainsaying the fact that Labour at present is not doing a fair day's work for a day's wage".

With this, the Committee's third concern comes to the forefront. In the section dealing with the railway staff, there are some hard things said which are of interest to all industrialists in the present context since the railways are the largest employers of labour and what holds true there may be taken as generally valid. It was urged in extenuation of the continued increase of staff that liberalisation of hours and conditions of work made it necessary. The Committee reject this as an inadequate explanation. They credit it to the general decrease of efficiency since 1942." The increase in staff has been, "they state", very much in excess of their performance in almost every category". The reasons for this are distributed equitably between continued inflation and the worsening of the cloth and food situation, on the one hand, and the growth of subversive influences, failure to appreciate the national necessity of, increased production and dilution of staff, on the other. The Committee appeal to Labour leaders to strengthen the Unions and embark on propaganda to stimulate greater effort. Without this, they say, "there is little hopes of immediate improvement in the situation created by the so-called go-slow policy adopted by Labour". Considering the detail into which the Committee have gone into other matters, it is disappointing that the problems of bribery and increased crime on railways are sketchily dealt with. They do not, it is true, concern the inquiry directly but they do have an important bearing on conditions in these services. The Committee has an invaluable chapter on the grainshops. The malpractices in this department have been exposed by the Railway Grainshops Inquiry Committee which pointed out that the workers were dissatisfied and some of them tended to abuse the facilities; but still recommended curtailing grainshop activities rather than giving them up altogether. The present Report disagrees with this finding and after four months' notice the grainshops should be done away with. On the facts, this seems a more reasonable proposition. The Committee has done a difficult job well and its Report will be the starting-point of useful discussions on railway reform. The urgency of the subject has been well demonstrated. In the main, the question is one of putting the railways on a business footing. This is a national issue in which all sections of the public are vitally interested.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT.

NEW DELHI, March 25.

Idiots are the most difficult persons to hypnotise and the more intelligent a person is, the easier it is to secure his co-operation and do things, said Mr. J. Lowis Orton, the well-known British psychologist and author of a number of standard works on the subject, last evening.

—A.P.I.

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In the U.N. sub-Commission on economic development, India has accused the Great Powers of retarding the economic progress of under-developed countries by policies which required expenditures on armaments and other war measures.

This is risky truth speaking. India must be more careful.

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Criticising the latest performance of the Security Council, Dr. A. A. Maramis, Foreign Minister in the Emergency Indonesian Republican Government, points out that the "vague wording" of the Canadian proposal is its greatest danger.

Quite right. That is what it was meant to be.

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THE HAGUE: Two Indonesians have been appointed as members of the Netherlands Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly meetings starting in New York on April 5 next.

We too had had the Indian counterparts of these two for a long, long time.

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At a reception and dinner given in his honour in the U.S. capital Mr. Winston Churchill talked over old old times with America's foremost officials, says a PTI-Reuter report.

Did it include the Roosevelt-Churchill conversation re: India, " the British Empire" and so on and so forth?

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Washington: The United States today declared its "deep interest" in the security and independence of Greece, Turkey and Persia.

How deep? Right down to the foundations of the security and independence of Greece, Turkey and Persia?

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According to a Washington report the Soviet Government is closing down its three offices in Persia.

The fate of Persia has now gone behind closed doors.

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No one here, another Washington report however, says, is willing to predict Soviet actions but there is no evidence to suggest that the Soviet Government will decide to break off diplomatic relations with Persia or remove its embassy.

That must completely comfort Persia.

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The true journalist, says Lord Layton, should be pledged to assist by every means in his power the free flow of unbiassed truth throughout the world.

And occasionally to be denounced for his pains as a malicious, irresponsible fiction-monger by those concerned.

LASKI'S MOVE FOR EAST-WEST PEACE TALKS

Suggests Four-Man Mission To Visit Moscow To Pave Way For Stockholm Conference

NEW YORK, March 27 (PTI-Reuter) —Professor Harold Laski, former Chairman of the British Labour Party in an interview here today put forward suggestions for preparing East-West peace talks.

FOUR-MAN MISSION

He proposed that General Dwight Eisenhower, Lord Mountbatten, Mr. Halvard Lange, Norwegian Foreign Minister, and M. Leon Blum, French Socialist ex-Premier, should go to Moscow to pave the way for an East-West peace meeting in Stockholm.

Prof Laski added that they could be given the task of laying the basis for a meeting of Generalissimo Stalin, President Truman, Mr. Attlee and French Premier Henri Queille.

Professor Laski, who is here to deliver a series of lectures, added that he noted the North Atlantic Atlantic Pact stressed that it was a defensive measure.

The Mission which he proposed should make that clear to Russia, he added.

"Seizure Of German Territory"

MOSCOW, March 27 (PTI-Reuter).—Minor rectifications of West German Frontiers, announced yesterday, were described as "seizure of German territory" in a Berlin despatch from Tass, official Soviet News Agency, early today.

Referring to the announcement by the Western Zone's Military Governments, the Agency said: "The Communique" confirms that the question of detaching the Western border districts of Germany was decided on June 7 last year at the London Conference of Western Powers.

"Special attention is attracted by the Western Powers open recognition of the French annexation of the Saar region the administration of which—as can be seen from the "communique" is already making claims on Germany in its character as a foreign "State."

ITALIAN PREMIER DENOUNCES 'REDS'

ROME March 27 (UPA).—Premier Alcide de Gasperi closed the Italian Senate debate on the Atlantic Pact today and denounced the Communists for "preaching desertion" to Soviet Russia in the event of war. Interrupted continuously by Communist hooting and shouted protests during his one-hour and 20-minute speech, the Catholic Premier demanded a vote of confidence from the Senate supporting Italian negotiations to join the Pact.

END OF FIRST PHASE OF EVACUATION AND RELIEF

Saxena On Concerted Efforts For Rehabilitation

NEW DELHI, March 25: The following statement has been issued to the Press by Shri Mohan Lal Saxena, Minister of State for Relief and Rehabilitation, on the work of his Ministry:

More than 18 months have passed since the partition of the country, in the wake of which some 5-1/2 million of our countrymen were uprooted from their homes resulting in untold hardships, privation and misery. On the part of the Government, it meant unprecedented strain in the evacuation and relief of these people. There were at one time 9,80,000 displaced persons in 174 camps all over the country. Even today there are above 8,00,000 displaced persons in camps and their maintenance costs the Exchequer as many rupees per day. The total expenditure on relief above so far has been approximately Rs. 16 crores. The Provincial Governments have been authorised to incur expenditure on relief according to prescribed scales, and debit the same to the Central Government.

The first phase of evacuation and relief is now practically over and we are concentrating all our efforts on rehabilitation. Since April last the Government of India have repeatedly impressed upon the Provincial and States' Governments the imperative need of settling the inmates of the camps and reducing to the minimum the number of able-bodied persons on free doles.

To meet this situation, the Government have decided to convert these camps into work centres and, wherever possible, to place these in charge of non-official organisations. It has also been decided to employ social workers to look after displaced persons both in and outside camps. It is hoped that within six months all able-bodied inmates will be assisted in finding gainful occupations and will become self-supporting.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Protection To Sugar Industry

Under the old regime in India, both the public and the industrialists incessantly demanded State protection to indigenous industries as the Government, left to itself, would do little or nothing to encourage them. The public are now more critical under a national Government, particularly in these days of high prices, and would not needlessly support an industry and thereby further raise the price of the protected commodity. So it was that, when Mr. K. C. Neogy, Commerce Minister, proposed in Parliament the continuance of protection to the sugar industry for two years the House was positively hostile and reduced the period of protection to only one year. This was natural considering that the industry had enjoyed protection since 1932. Nay, the industry is understood to have made a profit of more than Rs. 150 crores during all these years, while the protective duty meant a burden of Rs. 10 crores a year on the consumers. At the same time, it should be recognised that, if the protection is suddenly and entirely taken away, it may be a severe blow to several marginal sugar concerns and a large number of sugar cane producers. Nor is it wise in these days of food scarcity to do anything likely to reduce the quantity of available indigenous food of a high calorie value. However, one year's extension of protection should give Government fairly ample time to gauge to what extent, if any, protection need be given to the industry after the end of the year.

A Big Problem Still

In the debate in Parliament on the rehabilitation situation, Mr. Mohanlal Saksena, Minister of State for Relief and Rehabilitation, set forth many difficulties retarding the progress of rehabilitation of the lakhs of refugees in the Delhi camps. The foremost difficulties he said, were provincial politics and "local vested interests." These are not insurmountable difficulties. More pressure has to be exerted on provinces and States which are capable of absorbing any appreciable number or refugees. The real difficulty is in financing the process of rehabilitation and in any case the brunt of the burden will have to be borne by the Central Government. If so the sooner attractive terms for speedy rehabilitation are offered for the provinces, the States and the refugees, the sooner will the problem be solved and less will need to be spent in the doles which demoralise their recipients, dispose them to stay on and only strengthen local vested interests. If it is a fact that Government has not yet rehabilitated more than 20 per cent of the refugees it is a serious problem indeed that has yet to be solved. The sooner Government converts the relief camps into work centres, the better for all concerned whether the centres are in charge of official or non-official organisations.

Marathi Grantha Sangrahalaya

The Marathi Grantha Sangrahalaya, the Golden Jubilee celebrations of which concluded on Saturday, has rendered meritorious service to the cause of popularising Marathi literature. Not the least achievement of the library is the careful preservation of a number of very rare books in Marathi. They have been listed in a special explanatory catalogue published as part of the Jubilee celebrations. The question of preserving rare books from insect pests and the more fanton destruction by persons incapable of appreciating their value to posterity has often been ignored by those interested in the library movement. The need for preserving such books is well emphised by Mr. A. K. Priolkar, the well-known Marathi research scholar, in his preface to the catatogue mentioned above. Since 1867 the Government of India has attempted to preserve at least one copy of every book published in India by requiring every publisher to send three copies of each of his publications, one to the India Office, another to the Government of India and the third to the local Government. From the experience in Bombay province we fear that thousands of the books so presented to Government have been allowed to be destroyed by insects or otherwise. It is of course very difficult for an ordinary library to preserve thousands of old books many of which may have little intrinsic value except that they are old. But it should be easier for the Government of India and the Provincial Governments to preserve such books in the national and Provincial libraries. It is also necessary for Government to publish catalogues of rare books mentioning the places where they are available.

Tax On Cinema And Theatre

Only recently a decision was taken by the Government of the Central Provinces to raise the entertainment tax from its present rate of 35 percent to 50 of the ticket value from April 1. Consequently cinema exhibitors and distributors in that Province have started agitation against it. A tax on entertainment is a handicap on the film industry and stage, but actually it is a burden on th epeople as it is collected from the audience. In the interest particularly of the poor, appreciable reduction in, if not, abrogation of the entertainment tax is essential. What is known as the theatre tax is now threatening to be an additional and a direct burden on the film industry and stage. In consecuence of the recommendations of the Municipal Finances Committee. Bombay's Municipal Corporation will probably have to turn its jealous eye away from the entertainment tax, but it will continue its search for sources which would yield income in a substantial amount; and the threatre is likely to be one of such sources. In its meeting held on March 22, the Corporation has referred to the Law Revenue and General Purposes Committee, a resolution requesting the Mayor to approach the Government of Bombay with a view to expediting legislation empowering the Corporation to levy a tax on theatres, cinema and other places of entertainment. The Ahmedabad Municipality, which is to emerge as a Corporation in the near future, was also reported, a few days ago, to have been seeking powers to levy a similar tax under the new act which will have to be passed by the Legislature of Bombay in its behalf. Before undertaking legislation in the matter of theatre tax, the Government should consider whether it is advisable to impose additional burden on the industry of entertainment.

Temptation To Municipalities

Being constantly in search of fresh sources of revenue in order to meet their heavy expenditure, Municipalities of the towns like Bombay are tempted to focus their attention on theatres and cinema shows when they cannot collect the tax on entertainment, but they will not promise any artistic amenity to the people in return if they are authorised to levy the theatre tax. In view of the decline of the stage resourceful and enlightened Muncipalities should first of all think of constructing and maintaining Municipal theatres to be reserved for the purposes of dramatic performances and dance-recitals. Bombay's corporation has already accepted a proposal to build a theatre, but it is not known when such a theatre will come into existence. Since the stage and screen are the channels through which something of arts like drama rance and music approaches the people it is essential to fix some limit to which they can be taxed. The question of tax on theatres, performances and cinema shows should not escape the notice of the Central and Provincial Governments since they have evinced interest in the progress and developments of arts.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

The S.S.C. Exam.

Sir,—The S. S. C. Examination Board had its first examination on March 22. The question papers, in general, caused no end of confusion to the youngsters both by its rigid form and its printing and other mistakes. In the very first paper in English, there was an unnecessary division into "two parts", besides the usual two sections, which added to the general confusion. In the Sanskrit paper, the question on the unseen passages contained three items (a), (b), (c) but the instructions given under (a) appeared to refer to only one of them. In the History paper the last question which the candidates were expected to fill in the names of historical personages, covered all the four periods, which, according to the syllabus, the candidates are not expected to study.

On the main answer-book, under the instructions to candidates, one of the instructions is, "Supervisors have instructions to collect all main answer-books and supplements from the candidates as soon as the warning bell is rung." Does this imply that the answer-books will have to be collected ten minutes earlier than the scheduled time?—Yours, etc.

M. R. BALE.

Radhanpur's Claims

Sir,—The Headquarters, of the newly constituted District of Banas Kantha kept at Palanpur is highly unsuitable to the people in general and mainly the cultivators of Banas Kantha. The Banas Kantha itself forms a compact and contiguous area with its natural boundary on the eastern side with the flow of the Banas River. This block by itself comprises a population of six lacs with about 6,000 sq. miles. Palanpur is on the other side of the Banas River. There are absolutely no transport and communication facilities available in Banas Kantha and as such people experience tremendous hardships to approach Palanpur as its Headquarters. People from Suigam and Santalpur being at a distance of more than 100 miles from Palanpur cannot reach Palanpur without transport facilities. They are required to go on foot. Banas Kantha has attained a strategic importance in view of Pakistan border. It is in interest of the general public and for convenient administration and for the progress and development of this part and for the defence of the border, the Banas Kantha should be a separate District with its Headquarters in the midst of the area. At present Radhanpur should be given preference and thus avoid the embarrassing position of the people.—Yours, etc.,

"BANAS KANTHIAN."

M.E.S.W.O. Canal Workers

Sir,—These are the complaints of about 2,500 workers of the Meswo Canal in Kaira District. The contract of digging the Canal has been given by Government to the Modern Construction Co.

1. There are no clear accounts of the Labourers in the account-books of the contracting company. The debit sides of the labourers' accounts have been written in the account books. But the credit sites have not been written completely and clearly.

2 There is a general cry among the labourers that the measurements of the pits of the canal that they have dug are not taken accurately and consequently they have to suffer a loss in their wages.

3 Labourers' accounts are not given to them in writing. As a remedy each labourer should be given a diary in which the contracting company should give in writing each labourer's own account—accounts both measurements of the work done and the money due.

4. The wages at present are Rs. 1-8-0 per brass from 1 to 6 ft. dspth, and Rs. 2/- per brass from 6 to 12ft. depth. By calculation it has been found that each labourer hardly gets Rs 0-10-0. (ten annas only) per day after twelve hours of hard and perpetual work. So immediate increase in wages is of urgent necessity for a minimum standard of living.

5. No legal compensation is given to labourers in case of grievous accidents and death by accidents.

6. The labourers work from early morning—i.e. 6 a.m. to late evening i.e. 7 p.m.

7. There are no adequate medical facilities for labourers.—Yours, etc.

PURSHOTTAM S. PARIKH.

Mehmadabad.

Communal Peace And Agitators

Sir,—Sometimes one is surprised to read in the papers well-meant statements made by the Ministers on the floor of the Legislative Assembly in contrast to the actual happenings in the district places where the Public Security Measure Act is being abused by the executives and officials day in and out, for wrecking their private vengeance or that of their advisers.

Here I take liberty to quote one instance where political workers have been arrested as they happen now to belong to the opposite party. Mr. Narbadashanker Bhatt, Ibrahim Ranger and Kantilal Solanki have been arrested from Chhota Udepur State now merged with Panch Mahals district, because they were moving among ignorant peasants, holding meetings and explaining to them different provisions of Tenancy Act, Debt Redemption Act etc. They are the members of the Gujarat Socialist Party. As this was going against Landlords, Money-lenders and other vested interests, they moved the officials with the help of the local Congress leaders. Before their arrest even some local Congress leaders threatened them that they will be arrested if they will not stop their activities. Even the District Magistrate during his camp at Chhota Udepur some time before their arrest warned them to stop their activities. The inevitable result of this was that they were arrested last week instigating communal disturbances, while on the contrary they were moving among the masses and preaching communal peace and harmony.

The real instigators who brought about arson, looting and communal carnage during March 1948, communal disturbances in Panch Mahals and its integrated States, are at liberty to preach their cult. If the authorities have a genuine case against them, why not put them before the competent court of law? Let us hope that the appointment of Mr. K. B. Vassoodev, ex-Judge of the Bombay High Court, will help these unfortunate detenus by proper re-examination of cases as announced in the Bombay Legislative Assembly.—Yours etc.

SOMALAL SHIROIA

The State Telephone Factory

Sir,—Since the Government have decided to work the Tele-communication Industry as an exclusive State venture, the public has been regaled with statements. We are told that a target for the production of 1,300,000 instruments a year—a total to be reached within 15 years—has been fixed, and that Bombay will have an additional 6,400 telephone switchboard lines during this year. Surely, the public now thinks that India will soon become self-sufficient in respect of Tele-communication requirements and the State factory at Bangalore will soon start working miracles! No, the factory has started doing so since it already made a present of 3 telephone instruments (assembled!) to His Excellency Sjt. Rajagopalachari, Hon'ble Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Communication Member the Hon'ble Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai.

In my humble opinion, these statements regarding targets and the presentation of telephone instruments are highly misleading. To supply telephone instruments—assembled—is no achievement at all. That work was being done, and can very well be looked after, by private enterprise as well as Government workshops which were already doing so at Bombay, Alipore and Jubbulpore. We do not need a State industry for assembling imported parts, nor for handling subsidiary manufacture, such an Inter-Communication sets, Tag Blocks, Main Frames, etc., This would only mean the closing down of existing units, which can very well do the job, and Government undertaking to do this piece of work would only mean duplication and waste of time, money and energy.

First things should have come first, and the prime necessity to remove the telephone bottleneck is to start manufacturing 'Automatic Exchanges' in the country. I am afraid the State factory is concentrating merely on non-essentials and the statements appearing in the press are highly misleading. May I know what concrete progress the factory has made in respect of manufacturing 'Exchanges'?

Finally, I should like to suggest that the Government should leave the subsidiary manufactures, such as Inter-communication sets, switchboards, Tag Blocks, Main Frames, etc., to existing units, which are already doing so.—Yours, etc.,

B. J. RUSTOMJEE.

Glasses For Restaurant Tables

Sir,—In most hotels in Bombay there are no glasses on tables. Most of these tables are not cleaned properly and are not varnished. Hygienically it is bad. It is necessary to compel hotels to varnish tables.

V. C. MENDON.

OFF AIR

It was really pleasant to visit Talegaon again while the birds were still on the Lake, for the great northward, migratory journey is not yet in full swing, though many birds have already left us. As we walked round the edge of the lake early in the morning, wagtails and snipe ran about among the weeds near shore, and purple moorhen, jacanas and dabchicks stayed a little further out among the taller reeds. Far out on the open water in the middle of the lake, duck, cormorants and a few coot swam lazily about, the duck occasionally "standing on their heads" in the water, tails up, as they fished below the surface. Egrets, their snowy plumage reflected in the still water, stood quite motionless as they waited for their prey to swim within striking distance. Pied kingfishers scanned the water as they hoveered far up in the air, and a flash of green and blue skimming low over the lake proved to be a tiny common kingfisher disturbed in its fishing at our approach. Certainly there were fewer birds than on my last visit in January, but I was told that a few more days would see the lake almost bare of its bird population.

TATA'S LUCKY TO HOLD MAHARASHTRA

Invitation Hockey Tournament Final

BOMBAY, Sunday:

The Invitation Hockey Tournament final between Maharashtra and Tata s ended in a draw. Each side scored once. Maharashtra got into the lead at the end of the first half, while Tata's obtained the equalizer midway through the second half Maharashtra were definitely the beter side.

Once again Pillay, Gabriel and Nenal, the Maharashtrian inner trio were proving dangerously to the Tata deep defence. Gabriel and Pillay had to be watched very carefully, for to let them go meant a certain goal. Gabriel made at least four solo attempts to score but only one came off. In the deep defence Maleloo and Lingam gave a superb performance. Diago as pilot never worked harder than he did today.

Coutinho and Joe D'Mellow impressed for Tata's, but sad to say Lawrie Fernandes seems to do nothing at all this season. In the second half Diago Fernandes was shifted from haid to right outer, a position he has never played in before, but he certainly did well by paving the way for Tata's to gain the equalizer. George Fereira and Perumal stood out in defence.

Maharashtra were dictating terms from the commencement and early Dadoo, failed with two good scoring opportunities. The Poona side gained a penalty bully when Diago Fernandes fouled Nenial badly when he was absent to beat Leo Pinto. Nenial took the bully, but missed the upright narrowly. Soon, Maharashtra were rewarded, when Gabriel eluded Tata's defence, cut in and beat Leo Pinto easily. Half time the Poona side were leading by one goal.

In the second half, Coutinho and Joe D'Mello were striving hard on their own to go pass and get a goal atleast Coutinho missed two goal chances, but soon made amends when of a pass from Diago Fernandes, who was promoted as outside right, he put the ball past Phillips in goal.

To gain a lead was now impossible for both sides resorted, more or less, to defensive tactics and hence the last few minutes were uninteresting No serious damage was done at all The match ended in a draw and the final will be replaced on Tuesday, 29th at 5-40 p.m.

The teams: Maharashtra XI:—Phillips, Maleloo; Lingam: Yousuf, D. D'Souza, S. Mateloo; Dadoo, Pillay, Gabriel, Nenial, Bhatia.

Tata's:— Leo Pinto; Carvalho, Gentle; Diago, G. Pereira, Perumal; Peter Ferrao, Joe D'Mello, Lenny D'Souza, Coutinho; L. Fernandes,

Umpires: Abrahams & Ayres Francis.

Figueredo Cup Final Drawn

BOMBAY, Sunday

Blue Wizards and St. Xavier's College "C" were unable to register any score and the finals of the Figueredo Cup ended in draw.

Kadirvelu Back Again After Two Seasons

BOMBAY, Sunday

Bombay Foot-Ball fans will see this season the brilliant Goal-Keeper, Kadirvelu, in action. He has signed for the Rashid Sports Club, the last season's Giant Killers.

It may be recalled that Kadirvelu played for the Bangalore Muslims Sports Club, the first Indian Team ever to have won one of the country's principal Soccer tournaments, viz: Rover's Cup Tournament, and the famous W.I.A.A. Staff Sports Club, that made history in the Bombay Foot-Ball World, by winning tournaments in a row.

Although he has been out of the field for over two seasons, he is still his old self; physically fit and full of beans.

He said that he was going to practice hard and assiduously and only on sheer merits he would compel the selectors to consider his claims to be included in the Indian Foot-Ball Team that will be sent out to participate in the next World Olympaid.

Mr. J. J. K. Patell, the maker of the W.I.A.A. Staff Sports Club and the man who did so much for the development of the standard of Bombay Foot-Ball is giving him every help in this direction.

India To Compete In World Football

CALCUTTA, March 27 (API): India will participate in the World Football Cup Tournament to be held in Brazil in 1950.

The annual general meeting of the All-India Football Federation reached this decison today.

India will play Burma home and away and the winner will complete in the World Cup Tournament proper in Brazil. In case of a draw in the two India-Burma matches, the third match will be played on a neutral ground.

It was also decided that India should send a team to Ceylon by the end of April this year. Mr. Tandon (U.P.) was appointed manager and Mr. B. D. Chatterji (Bengal) was selected as trainer.

The Inter-Provincial Football Tournament for the Santosh Trophy will be held in Calcutta by the end of July this year.

BIGGEST SPORTING DAY IN BRITAIN

Saturday, March 26—Will Long Be Remembered

LONDON, March 26 (PTI-Reuter): Saturday, March 26, turned out to be the memorable British sporting day that had been expected, even if the results did not turn out as generally forecast.

More than two millions sports fans of both sexes watched today's feast of sport, the three highlights of which were the spectacular victory of Cambridge over Oxford by a mere quarter of a length in the Inter-Varsity Boat Race, the finest of this century; the remarkable win by the unconsidered 66 to one outsider Russian Hero in the Grand National and the outstanding triumph of Leicester City over Portsmouth in one of the Foodball Association Cup Soccer semi-finals.

The Inter-Varsity Boat Race, for which Oxford started slight favourites, was an epic. Both crews rowed neck and neck for the last mile with Cambridge just managing to nose out their rivals with a brilliant spurt close home.

The £ 10,000 Grand National, watched by about 250,000, the biggest crowd since the war, went to a local farmer's horse which the trainer did not think was good enough to run, Russian Hero's victory saved the bookmakers from a very heavy setting and he will long be remembered as the "bookmaker's friend".

Leicester City's chance of beating the Soccer Cup Final favourites, Portsmouth, was considered so slender that one bookmaker offered to cancel all bets for the final if Leicester City won. Yet they triumphed handsomely today and now go forward to Wembley. A Second Division Club, Leicester City, are in danger of being relegated.

Manchester United, the Cup holders and almost as good favourites as Portsmouth to lift the 1949 Cup, were given a great fight by Wolverhampton, who scored the first goal. But after playing extra time the men of Manchester lived to fight another day.

France, without a runner in the Grand National had a splendid day for not only did she place the first three in the International Cross Country Race in Dublin and also win the team event, but her Rugger Fifteen beat Wales in the French capital, the Welshmen now become the holders of the "Wooden Spoon" for finishing bottom of the International Championship Table.

The Great Sporting Day was concluded with a triumph for England in far off Johannesburg, where the British Heavy-weight Champion, Bruce Woodcock knocked out South Africa's Champion, Johnny Ralph, in the third round of their ten rounds contest.

Talk Of Nationalisation Makes Investors Nervous!

CHETTI REVIEWS NATION'S FINANCIAL POSITION: PLEA FOR INDO-PAK AMITY

COIMBATORE, March 26 (API): Addressing a meeting of members of the Coimbatore Rotary Club last night Mr. R. K. Shanmugham Chetti, former Finance Minister of the Government of India explained the nation's finances and said that the citizens of the country should take an interest in the actions of the Government because whatever the Government did, affected vitally the everyday life of the masses.

After partition of the country which was one unit, economically and culturally, the territories which had foodstuffs and commercial crops had been cut off, Mr. Shanmugham Chetti said. Jute and vast areas of long staple cotton had gone to Pakistan while cotton mills, sugar, steel and iron were in India. Pakistan and India should therefore live together as friendly neighbours.

ADVERSE BALANCE

Before the war, Mr. Chetti said, India was exporting more than her import but today the position was reverse. In 1948-49 and 1949-50, the total value of imports of foodgrains was 250 crores of rupees per year. They had not sufficient foreign exchange, forgetting industrial plants and agricultural tractors. The adverse balance had been severe in the case of dollar currency countries while it was not so in the case of sterling countries.

CEREAL ECONOMY

Referring to the problem of inflation, Mr. Chetti said the quantity of money available in the hands of the people was very much more than the articles and commodities available in the country. Owing to labour troubles and want of raw materials production has gone down. In India the whole economy was cereal economy, while it was not so in England. The annual production of cereals in India was about 50 million tons and the deficit had been about six or seven million tons.

The result of the grow more food campaign was disappointing. The provincial Governments should put their schemes into operation. Unfortunately, they did not realise their responsibilities in the matter of food supplies.

Without giving 14 or 16 ounces of foodgrains to the people, it was not possible to think of any industrial policy or social service.

The Central Government was subsidising foodgrains to the extent of 32 crores. If they were self-sufficient in foodgrains, they would have money for purchasing machinery and industrial requirements.

UNDOING MISCHIEF DONE BY LIAQUAT

Regarding the problem of capital formation, Mr. Shanmugham Chetti said that that there had not been adequate capital formation in the country now. He pointed out that the budget of the Government of India two years back prepared by Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, the then Finance Minister of India, had killed capital formation. The Government of India was now undoing the mischief done by the then Finance Minister and in this connection, he instanced the reduction of direct taxation in order to create confidence in the minds of the public.

Proceeding, Mr. Chetti said that the way of talk of nationalisation of industries by members of provincial Governments and others in provinces had done more harm and created nervousness in the minds of the investing public. The Prime Minister, he said, has stated that it was not possible to nationalise all industries at present.

ABOLITION OF ZAMINDARI

The legislation for abolition of Zamindaries in the Province had done great harm and shaken the confidence of the people, he said. The Central Government were unable to raise loans to meet their own expenditure. If bonds were given to Zamindars for compensation, then capital would be shut down.

ADDING TO DIFFICULTIES OF CENTRAL GOVT.

Concluding, the ex-Finance Minister referred to the General Finances of the Provinces and said the provincial Governments were adding to the difficulties of the Central Government. The Madras Government, he said, had thrown away about 18 crores of rupees for" ideological purposes "inspite of repeated warnings by the Central Government to the Provinces.

KHER UNVEILS 'SWARAJYA PILLAR'

POONA, March 26 (API): India would surely be on the road to happiness and prosperity if it took to the path of non-violence and truth as taught by Mahatma Gandhi, said Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay, unveiling a "Swarajya Pillar" at Cheladi on Poona-Bangalore Road to commemorate the foundation of Swarajya laid by Shivaji nearly 300 years ago.

A large gathering including the Rajah of Bhore and some prominent citizens from Poona attended the function. Mr. Kher warned that the economic and other inequalities in the country should not be removed by Communist means but suggested the peaceful manner by following which they had attained the country freedom. The history in Europe which saw the establishment of such a dictatorship as that of Hitler would be repeated in India if they took to the Communist methods, Mr. Kher said.

The Rajah of Bhore who welcomed the Guests announced his decision to hand over three of his bungalows to Government to carry out the constructive work preached and taught by Mahatma Gandhi.

Calves Burnt Alive In Village Fire

MONGHYR, March 26, (A.P.I.): Sixty houses were destroyed in a fire which broke out in the village of Rahmatpur in Begusarai Sub-Division yesterday.

No loss of human life has been proported, but calves and goats were burnt alive.

BOMBAY, Sunday.—An earthquake shock of great intensity at its origin about 3,725 miles away was recorded by the Seismograph at the Colaba Observatory at 12 hours 14 minutes (I.S.T). today.

People IN THE NEWS

GOVT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, Sunday.

The Governor of Bombay and Rani Maharaj Singh witnessed the finals of the Invitation Hockey Tournament played at the Bombay Gymkhana Ground, where they were received by Mr. Naval H. Tata, President of the Bombay Provincial Hockey Association Rani Maharaj Singh distributed the prizes.

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MR. JAIRAMDAS DAULATRAM

BANGALORE, March 27 (API).—India's Food and Agriculture Minister, Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, arrived here by air this evening from New Delhi and immediately left for Mysore. There he will inaugurate the International Forestry and Timber Utilisation Conference tomorrow.

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ACHARYA BHAVE IN HYDERABAD

HYDERABAD (Dn.), March 27 API). —Acharya Vinoba Bhave arrived in Hyderabad today from Aurangabad. He is expected to stay here for about 10 days as guest of the Sarvodaya Sangh.

Swami Ramanand Tirth, President of the State Congress and some other Hindu and Muslim leaders of Hyderabad received him at the station.

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MR. HENRY USBORNE IN DELHI

NEW DELHI, March 27 (API).—Mr. Henry Usborne, Labour member of British Parliament and General Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee of Crusade for World Government, arrived here yesterday.

Mr. Usborne is likely to stay in India for a fortnight during which time he will contact Indian leaders and politicians interested in world Federal Government and the proposed peoples conference to be held in 1950.

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TRAVANCORE CONGRESSMEN FOR DELHI

NEW DELHI, March 27 (API).—Mr. S. Nathaniel, President of the Travancore Tamil Nad Congress Committee and Mr. R. Thanu Pillai arrived here today to represent to the States Ministry the views of the Tamil Districts of the State on the proposed merger with Cochin.

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DR. ANSARI IN CITY

BOMBAY, March 27 (API).—Dr. S. S. Ansari, Counsellor with the Indian Embassy in Ankara, arrived here from London by the S.S. 'Canton' this morning.

Dr. Ansari is suffering from heart disease and has come to India on leave for medical treatment.

Dr Ansari, who is accompanied by Mr. Malik Wahedna, attache to the Indian Embassy in Ankara will leave for Delhi after a few days' stay in Bombay.

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REUTER MISSION LEAVES FOR KARACHI

NEW DELHI, March 27 (API).—Lord Layton, leader of the Reuter Goodwill Mission to India, Mr. Malcolm Graham and Mr. C. J. Chancellor, General Manager of Reuters, left for Karachi this afternoon. They were seen off at the airport by Mr. Devdas Gandhi, Mr Ramnath Goenka, Mr. J. Turner and Mr. W. A. Cole.

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MR. GORDON-WALKER

NEW DELHI, March 27 (API).—Mr. Gordon-Walker, said that his talks in Pakistan and Ceylon were "fruitful, friendly and frank," but he evaded correspondents' questions about his Mission. He would meet the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, and Sir Girja Shanker Bajpai, Secretary-General, External Affairs Ministry tomorrow. Mr. Walker expects to stay in Delhi for a week or ten days.

Bombay's Narrow Victory In 50-Mile Cycle Race

POONA, March 27, (A.P.I.): After a very close finish, in which hardly a cycle's distance separated the winner and the third competitor, A Menezes of Bombay came out triumphant in the 50-mile Cycle Race held by the Poona Wheelers today.

B. N. Bhaisare from Poona finished second was just a wheel behind Menezes and managed to romp home only half a wheel ahead of the close third Shaikh Bashir.

It was a slow race with apparently the heat prevailing telling on the competitors and Menezes took three hours two minutes and fifteen seconds to cover the distance. The best timing recorded for the distance on a previous occasion is two hours and twenty minutes.

Eight competitors, four of them from Bombay, took part in the race but of them dropped out after racing for ten miles when they clashed against each other.

Bombay Cyclists were again to the fore in the 25 miles race or novices the first two places going to R. P. Elavia and H. Moosa, both frmo Bombay.

The next in order to finish was J. V. Jadhav from Poona. Elavia's timing was one hour twenty-five minutes and twenty-five seconds.

The 10-mile race on roadster cycles was won by D. W. Kotwal in thirty minutes, G. Satarkar and S. Waghmare finished second and third respectively.

Dasturji Hormasdiyar, Head Priest of the Parsis, gave away the prizes.

WANKANER WINS SAURASHTRA TITLE

RAJKOT, March 27 (API). Rasakumar of Wankaner won the singles title in the All-Saurashtra Open Tennis Tournament which concluded here today by beating Eric Marks 7-5 4-6 6-0.

In the men's doubles the championship was won by the Yuvaraja of Bilkha and Eric Marks who beat Yusuf Khan and Capt. Swiney in the final 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

In the mixed doubles final Mrs. and Mr. Ralston beat Mrs. Aberbach and Eric Marks 6-4 6-6.

NEW INDIAN RECORD IN DISCUS THROW

NEW DELHI, March 26 (API): A new All India record Discus Throw with 136 ft. 10 inches was created by Havildar Makhan of Delhi Area in the final of the First Western Command Inter-Formation Athletic Meet held here today

The existing record was held by Somnath of Patiala who covered 130 ft. 9-1 2 inches in 1945.

The Fourth Infantry Division won the Championship Shield which was presented in memory of all ranks killed in action in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Fourth Infantry Division obtained 120 points Fast Punjab Area 105, Delhi Area 85, Jammu Division 41, Srinagar Division 28, and Jammu Line of Communication Area. 13 points.

Lewis Cup Hockey

BOMBAY, Sunday

Goans Sports "A" eliminated Times "A" from the Lewis Cup Tournament and entered the semi-finals of the tournament Goan Sports scored twice while the Pressmen scored once.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

BOMBAY GYMKHANA GROUND

4-15 p.m. Times of India vs G.I.P. Railway "A".

5-30 p.m. B. B. & C.I. Rly vs Dockyard "A" (Aga Khan Tournament)

ASSOCIATION GROUND

4-30 p.m. Times "B" vs Telegraph B. C.

German Swimmer— New Holder Of Unofficial World Record

FRANKFURT, (UPA): German swimming star Walter Klinge, new holder of the unofficial 200 meters breaststroke world record, said he would try for the 1952 Olympics if Germany is allowed to compete.

Klinge recently bettered the record held by R. R. Hough of the United States, by two-tenths of a second, covering the distance in 1:07.1 minutes. His record however, will not be recognized here because the pool was only 16 meters long. Neither will it be recognized internationally.

The tanned, long-legged 26-year-old student of medicine in a press interview stated, "I think it possible that German swimmers will be allowed to compete at the 1952 Olympics".

The future doctor, who after graduation wants to go overseas as a missionary doctor, added: "And if they will be allowed to take part in 1952 I will swim for Germany".

Klinge is a member of Germany's outstanding swimming club "M. T. V." of Braunschweig. After the war this city became Germany's swimming stronghold, since it had the only undamaged indoor swimming pool left in the country.

Klinge said he started swimming at the age of 12. During the war he was captured in Africa and spent four years in a prisoner of war camp in Texas. The lanky youth pointed out it is impossible to crack a record "any time you want to". He added the "most difficult thing" is to cut a tenth or two-tenths of a second off a previously established time.

The swimmer emphasized "I swim for the fun of it", and said he did not want to be treated as a "big star". He said he wants to go to Chile when he completes his studies. His mother went there some years ago.

"Do you think the Chileans will need me for the next swimming Olympics?" he asked.

Charles-Walcott Fight To Decide Louis's Successor

CHICAGO, March 26.—(PTI-Reuter): Ezzard Charles and Joe Walcott signed contracts today to fight on June 22 at Chicago's Comisky Park for the world heavyweight championship.

The Illinois Athletic Commission gave promoter Joe Louis permission to stage the bout and approved the winner to be recognized as the successor to the retired Louis.

WINNER WOULD DEFEND TITLE AGAINST SAVOLD, WOODCOCK OR MILLS

Charles and Walcott have both promised that the winner in June would defend the title against Lee Savold, of the United States, Bruce Woodcock or Freddie Mills of Britain within 90 days if challenged.

Woodcock All Set For World Title—Says Manager

JOHANNESBURG, March 26 (PTI-Reuter): After Bruce Woodcock had knocked out Johanny Ralph here tonight he said he was satisfied with the way the fight had gone. "I am feeling on top of the world and am now set for a world title fight".

His Manager, Tom Hurst, said Woodcock is definitely on the way up and back on his old form. "I am confident he is all set for a world title fight", he added

Ralph still dazed confessed that he could not keep out of the way of Woodcock's "terrific right".

In Ralph's Manager, Len McLoughlin, said there were no plans for the future of Ralph, who was being married on April 2 but he would definitely not fight again before June. "He could not cope with Woodcock's terrific right hand which travelled like lightning" McLoughlin said.

WOODCOCK KO'S RALPH IN THIRD ROUND

JOHANNESBURG, March 26 (PTI-Reuter): Bruce Woodcock, Empire European and British Heavy-weight Champion knocked out Johnny Ralph, the South African Heavy-weight Champion, in the third round of their ten rounds fight here tonight.

After starting off in a whirlwind fashion, and chasing Woodcock round the ring in the first round, which he won, Ralph was quite unable to cope with Woodcock's killing right hand.

In the second round, Woodcock sent Ralph to the canvas for two counts of nine and he was down again to be saved by the bell at the end of the round. In the third, with Woodcock's right still handing out punishment, Ralph went down for counts of nine twice and eight before finally being knocked out with yet another right to the jaw.

Both men had scaled 189 pounds at the weigh-in.

Apart from that first round in which for a time, he chased Woodcock, Ralph had no answer to Woodcock's right. The South African tried to smile during the interval between the second and third rounds, but within 30 seconds of the start of round three, he was stretched on the canvas again. He rose but was down again and it was a very shaky Ralph who rose to his feet just before receiving the short smashing right which finished the fight.

Woodcock was waved to his corner as the Referee started the count and as 10 was called Ralph was trying hard to get off his knees.

Featherweight Finn To Fight In England

BALTIMORE, March 26, (U.P.A.): The Century Athletic Club today announced that Puerto Rican featherweight boxer Fileto Osario will box Finland's Elis Ask at Baltimore April 4. It was originally planned to have Ask box on March 28 but the difficulty in finding a suitable opponent caused the postponment.

Osario began his professional career in May, 1945, has had 58 fights, won 28, lost 23 and drew seven. He won only one knockout but was never knocked out himself. His opponents included many of the United States best featherweights.

He was beaten by Sanday Saddler in six rounds in December 1945. He lost twice and drew once in matches with Jimmy McAllistor in 1946. He defeated Charley Riley in five rounds.

Osario had 14 matches last year: he won seven lost six and drew once. He finished the year with four straight victories. Of the 15 fights 10 were 10-round features.

He is far more competent than Ask's first opponent Joey Longo.

"Somersault Of The Devil" —Brazil's Race Of The Year

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 26, (U.P.A.): Italian race drivers Villoresi Ascari and Farina and Portuguese Fernandez Da Silva are among the 13 drivers listed to compite Sunday in the dangerous Montana Gavea race—called the "Somersault of the Devil" —which is Brazil's biggest race of the year.

It will be the 20th lapse over the Montana Gavea course totalling 214 kilometer for the first prize of 50,000 cruzeries.

Preferred favourites are Villoresi and Brazilian Chico Landi whose family originally came from Italy.

"Broken Time" Allowed For British Cyclists

LONDON, March 26, (PTI-Reuter): "Broken Time" one of the most vexed questions in amateur sport, is to be alowed for in British Cyce Racing. Deegates to the Annua General Council Meeting of the National Cyclists' Union carried a resolution which will permit amateur riders, who are chosen to represent their country abroad to receive compensation for any loss of wages.

Steps which are being taken, however, will ensure that there is no violation of amateurism. For in order to receive compensation a rider must provide evidence that his earnings wholly or partially support his wife and family, or parents or other dependants

Even then he will not automatically receive a cheque as any compensation will be paid through the employers of the applicant and they must certify that wagees have been lost because the mna has had time off to represent his country abroad.

Where normally paid holiday periods are used by riders to compete in International events no compensation will be allowed.

The decision wil ensur that the best riders will be available to represent their country abroad for in the past, there has always been the fear that a leading rider could not spare the time away from home because loss of wages for the period would be too big a handicap.

International Cross Country Run Monopolised By France

DUBLIN (Eire) March 26 (PTI-Reuter): French runners filled the first three places in the Seven Nations' International Cross Country Championship at Baldoyle Racecourse here today The winner was A. Mimoun, with a time of 47 minutes 50 seconds for the 9 miles course. He was followed home by R. Pujazon one second behind, with C. Cerow third in 47 minutes 55 seconds

France won the team prize with 33 points with England (ninety points) second, and Ireland (123 points) third.

English runners filled fifth, seventh and tenth places among the first 12.

G. Saunders was fifth in 48 minutes 14 seconds, Aaron seventh in 48 minutes 32 seconds and R. Gosney tenth in 48 minutes 51 seconds.

Pakistan Fare Badly At Colombo

COLOMBO, March 27, (PTI-Reuter): Continuing their first innings against a Pakistan XI the Sinhalese Sports Club were dismissed for 344 In reply the Pakistan XI had scored 178 for the loss of seven wickets when stumps were drawn today, the second day of the match.

GAUHATI, March 25, (API): Over 100 families were rendered nomeless as a result of a devastating fire which broke out this afternoon in the Eastern part of Gauhati. One hundred thatched houses were destroyed by the fire. The loss is estimated at rupees three or four lakhs. There was however no loss of human lives.

Britain's Problems For Next Empire Games

ATHLETES WILL BE FINANCIALLY WORSE OFF

LONDON, March 26 (PTI-Reuter): Although the Empire Games are not due to be staged until February 1950 in New Zealand, several English athletes have been asked whether they can make the trip, if selected.

The response has been officially described as "encouraging".

Plans are being made to send a representative English team of first-class men, but the main difficulty confronting the selectors is to find athletes who can afford to take time off from work for several weeks to participate in athletic competitions.

It has been estimated that the trip to Auckland will take about four months by sea and about 60 to 80 days by air, the expense of which is considerably greater.

Those chosen will not receive "broken time" payments, and therefore some of the competitors may find themselves financially worse off. Half the team may go by sea and the remainder by air.

England owes it to the Dominions to send a first-class team to the Games, said Mr. E. H. Clynes, Honorary Secretary of the Amateur Athletic Association.

The Council for England is, however troubled about finance he added. "The cost of sending an athlete by sea is about £250 and by air £500, and there may have to be a public appeal."

Richard Gonzales Wins Indoor Tennis Title

NEW YORK, March 26 (PTI-Reuter): Richard Gonzales and Miss Gertrude Moran are the new United States Indoor Tennis Champions. They won their titles tonight when Gonzales holder of America's Outdoor Championship, beat the Indoor Champion Billy Tolbert 10/8 6/0 4/6 9/7, while Miss Moran defeated Miss Nancy. Chaffee 6-2 6-3

Miss Moran succeeds a fellow Californian, Mrs. Patricia Canning Todd who did not defend her title.

GWALIOR STEEL CASE INQUIRY

Shree Radhelal Vyas Involved

(From Our Correspondent).

GWALIOR (By Mail). — During the period when Shri Radhelal Vyas was officiating as Minister for Supplies in the Cabinet of Gwalior, one of the covenanting States in the Madhya Bharat Union, it was alleged that a huge quantity of iron and steel products was purchased on behalf of the Government at extravagant rates.

The Madhya Bharat Government have now requested an impartial Judicial Authority to inquire into the matter. Shri Radhelal Vyas has taken two months' leave from his office of a Government Minister.

The Madhya Bharat Government have issued the following communique: Hon. Shri Radhelal Vyas, Revenue and Food Minister, Madhya Bharat Government has been granted two months' leave by H.H. the Raj Pramukh. The charge of Food portfolio will rest with Hon. Shri Mishrilal Gangwal Commerce Minister, whereas Hon. Shri Jagmohanlal Srivastava, Law Minister, will hold the charge of Revenue and Jagir portfolios during the leave period.

CHAMBAL HYDRO SCHEME'S PROGRESS

GWALIOR, (By Mail).—More than one lakh of rupees have been spent in drilling and clearing of site for landing ground and such other things towards the Chambal Hydro-Electric Scheme. Out of the two drilling machines ordered from the U.S.A. one has already arrived in Bombay and arrangements are being made for its transport. Tenders received for two bridges are being sanctioned.

Construction of temporary quarters and huts is in progress.

The Superintending Engineer and the Chief Engineer, attended last month the Power Engineers Conference convened by the Central Electricity Commission of the Government of India, New Delhi.

PLANT PROTECTION MACHINERY

Central Pool To Be Set Up In New Delhi

NEW DELHI, March 26 (API): It has been decided to establish a central pool of power-operated plan protection machinery at New Delhi with sub-stations, to begin with, at three centres, Asansol, Ajmer and Nagpur, to serve all parts of the country speedily when an epidemic breaks out, says an article on plant pests and diseases issued today.

Prime Minister Reelected Leader

TRIVANDRUM, March 26 (API): The Congress Parliamentary Party today re-elected Mr. T. K. Narayan Pillai, Premier of Travancore as its Leader. Mr. A. J. John, Finance Minister, Government of Travancore, was elected Deputy Leader and Mr. P. T. Chakko, Chief Whip. The Party's executive includes Mr. C. Kesavan, District Congress Committee President and Mr. T. M. Varghese, President of the Ad-Hoc Committee which controls the Party's parliamentary activities.

Action Against Ex-Presidents Of Rander Municipality

RANDER, March 27, (A.P.I.): The Commissioner of Northern Division has, it is learnt, taken action against three past Presidents and eleven members of the now superseded Rander Municipality for alleged remission of tax running into several thousands while they were in office.

The Commissioner is understood to have asked these persons to show cause why the tax remitted should not be collected from them in view of the fact that proper efforts and arrangements were not made to collect these taxes.

400 POUNDS OF GOLD IN SHEEPSKIN SEIZED IN CITY DOCKS

Gold worth about Rs. 20 lakhs concealed in innocent looking sheepskin bundles lying at Haji Bunder for nearly three months is reported to have been seized by Bombay City Police on Saturday morning. It was stated that bundles had arrived on a steamer hailing from a Persian Gulf port about three months ago. They were detained at the docks by the Police on suspicion. On Saturday when the bundles were opened for inspection, they were said to have been found to contain about 400 pounds of Gold. Picture shows police opening the bundles.

NATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE TO DISSOLVE ITSELF

Report To Be Submitted To Congress President

NEW DELHI, March 27 (API).—THE NATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS APPOINTED BY THE INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS TEN YEARS AGO, HAVING COMPLETED ITS WORK, DECIDED TO DISSOLVE ITSELF YESTERDAY.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS PRESIDENT AND A COPY OF THE REPORT WILL BE SENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

The report, which was adopted at the Committee's final meeting yesterday, has as its appendices the reports of its 29 Sub-Committees. The sub-committees reports are published in 26 volumes collectively known as National Planning Committee series.

The following were present at yesday's meeting: Pandit Nehru (Chairman), Dr. J. C. Ghosh, Dr. V. S. Dubey, and Prof. K. T. Shah (Hon. General Secretary).

29 SUB-COMMITTEES

A press note issued by the Committee says: "The National Planning Committee, appointed by the then Congress President over ten years ago, held its final meeting in the Council House, New Delhi, on Saturday, March 26, 1949, under the Chairmanship of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Soon after it started work towards the close of 1938, the Committee prepared an exhaustive Questionnaire covering all phases and aspects of National life and embracing all sectors of the National economy. It appointed 29 sub-Committees with elaborate terms of reference and entrusted each to a personnel containing leading scientists, economists, educationists, industrialists and leaders of public opinion in the country.

It defined its own objectives, laid out a bold code of wide instructions for the guidance of these sub-committees and prescribed clear-cut forms and stages for the completion of its comprehensive task.

PUBLICATION OF REPORTS

"The Sub-Committees started work immediately, and as each report was submitted, it was considered by the Full Planning Committee in full sessions. The War and Political developments, however, impeded the work and led to its complete suspension after the arrest of the Chairman in 1940. After the formation of the 'Interim' Government in August 1946, the question was once again taken up, and as a first step it was decided to edit, bring up-to-date and publish the reports of the Sub-Committees. Not all reports had been submitted finally when the Committee's work had had to be suspended; but whether interim or final or no report at all, the work of each sub-committee was brought together, edited, brought up-to-date and published in the National Planning Committee series.

26 REPORTS

"These are now published in that series in 26 volumes containing the report of the 20 original Sub-Committees and two "ad hoc" Sub-Committees detailed below:—1. Manufacturing Industries. 2. Chemical Industries. 3. Population. 4. Trade. 5. Power and Fuel. 6. Women's role in planned economy. 7. Rural marketing and finance. 8. Labour. 9. River training and irrigation. 10. Animal husbandry and dairying, Fishers, Horticulture. 11. National Housing. 12. Education (general and technical). 13. Communications. 14. Engineering Industries, Industries connected with Scientific Instruments. 15. Mining and Metallurgy. 16. Soil Conservation and Afforestation. 17. Insurance. 18. Land Policy and Agricultural Labour and Insurance. 19. Rural and Cottage Industries. 20. Industrial Finance. 21. Crop planning and production. 22. Currency and Banking. 23. Public Finance. 24. Transport Services. 25. National Health. 26. National Planning, its principles and administration.

"The Committee's immediate task is thus completed. Many of the reports still remain to be integrated, their suggestions and recommendations co-ordinated, and an over-all National plan prepared. Under the changed circumstances of today, the Committee considers at unnecessary to do this, as this function of right belongs to the Government of the country.

SIX-MEN COMMITTEE

Nevertheless, as it is desirable to keep up-to-date the material collected and published in this series, the Committee have resolved to appoint a Committee of the following:

1. The President of the Indian National Congress.
2. The Prime Minister of India.
3. The Minister for Industry and supply.
4. Prof. K. T. Shah.
5. Dr. J. C. Ghosh.
6. Shri Ambalal Sarabhai.

"The Committee will draw up a scheme for the purpose and meanwhile carry on the work in connection with the series.

"The result of this effort has been not only the publication of an encyclopedical economy, but a net surplus after paying all expenses for maintaining the office of the Committee and doing all work needed for the preparation of the material for the press. The Committee has accordingly warmly appreciated the services of all those members of the Sub-Committees who had devoted such selfless labour to their honorary work; and more especially the work of the Chairman and the Honorary General Secretary; also of the staff helping the Hon. Gen. General Secretary in his work".

G. K. JANI DEAD

(From Our Correspondent.)

ANDHERI, March 27.

Vile-Parle, lost, one of its leading philanthropic citizens in Syt. Govindji Kalidas Jani, whose sad death occurred on Saturday occurred on Saturday evening at 6-30 p.m.

His uthamana ceremony will be held on Monday evening at his residence, at Vile-Parle.

Syt. Govindji Jani was Partner of Messrs. C. J. Textiles Accessaries works of Vile-Parle. He took active interest in the social welfare work.

He leaves behind him two sons, three daughters and a vast circle of friends and admirers.

Let Industrialists Play Their Part Well

GADGIL'S EXHORTATION AT MEETING OF MANUFACTURERS IN DELHI

NEW DELHI, March 26 (API): Mr. N. V. Gadgil, Minister for Works, Mines and Power made a strong plea for co-operation of the industrialist, labour and the consumer for an organised and speedy industrialisation of India, while inaugurating the fourth annual general meeting of the Delhi Board of the All-India Manufacturers Organisation here this evening at the Imperial Hotel.

PROBLEM OF EQUAL DISTRIBUTION

Mr. Gadgil said: "The problem in this country is not only of production but also of equal distribution of the produced wealth. To achieve these two simultaneously it is necessary to have a planned economy for the whole of the country.

Referring to the problem of capital, Mr. Gadgil said that it was being felt that due to a lesser margin of profits in the industry as a result of the present taxation policy of the Government the capital in India had gone shy. "But" added Mr. Gadgil, "the Government of India has allowed full scope for free enterprise in the country even at the risk of severe criticism.

ADVICE TO INDUSTRIALISTS

The problem of capital can be easily solved if the industrialists of the country adopt a wider outlook and take into consideration the benefit of a larger number of people in working out their policies. Capital should not go shy due to temporary set-back in industrial sphere because in every country the industry has to face good as well as bad times. And if a businessman shirks from facing risk, which is an essential feature of the industry, he is not worth being called a businessman".

Mr. Gadgil referred to the problems of technical personnel and said that the Government of India was trying its level best to meet this deficiency ing the country but the solution of the problem was bound to take some time.

The problem of generation of power, added Mr. Gadgil, was also being tackled and he expected that within ten or 15 years the problem would not be of generation but that of its proper and effective utilisation.

CONSUMERS HAVE PLAYED THEIR PART WELL

Mr. Gadgil said "the consumers have played their part well. Now the industrialists are to show as to how they play their part in this new set up of society. If the industrialists can, prove that even under a system of private enterprise equal distribution of wealth is possible then nobody was dogmatic enough to be adamant on nationalisation of the industries.

Earlier, Seth Goojar Maj Modi, President of the Association in his address stressed the need of early development of power schemes for supply of electricity and for the speedy industrialisation of the country. Mr. Modi further said that the Government in fixing the prices of the commodity should take into consideration the increased costs of plant machinery and raw material.

NEED FOR TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS

Mr. Modi suggested that well-equipped technical institutions, particularly in and near about industrial areas, should be started by the Government in the country to train personnel according to the needs of the different industries.

Mr. Modi appealed for hard work on the part of the people and the creation of an atmosphere conducive to the fostering of confidence in the public on the part of the Government.

'MURDER OF SYDNEY COTTON'S EMPLOYEE'

Hyderabad Army Brigadier On Trial

HYDERABAD (Dn.), March 27. (A.P.I.): Before a court martial which opened at the Himayat Military Club here yesterday, Brigadier Syed Habib Ahmed, of the Hyderabad Army, was charged with abetment of the murder of Mr. F. H. Rouan, Civilian Ground Engineer, employed under Sydney Cotton.

The accused pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Brigadier S. N. Bhattia, who is conducting the Prosecution, said Rouan's skeleton, identified by personal belongings, was found in a ditch, at Bidar.

He read out the charge, which said Brigadier Syed Habib Ahmed between September 13 and 16, 1948, abetted Jamadar Mirza Abdul Khader, and Havildar Mohiuddin, both of the Hyderabad Army, "to murder Mr. F. H. Rouan, a civilian in consequence of which abetment Rouan was murdered".

Brigadier Bhattia after reading the charge gave details of steps leading to the alleged murder of Rouan. He said Rouan gave some trouble to Commander Nicholls, who was in charge of Sydney Cotton's organisation, in one of the latter's absence from Karachi.

Brigadier Bhattia said Nicholls approached Major J. H. Luschwitz, of the Hyderabad Army at Karachi in the third week of June, 1948, and, that after consultation with Mr. A. K. Mustaq, the then Agent-General of Hyderabad in Karachi, Commander Nicholls, Major Luschwitz and Major S. H. Gowher approached Rouan about the need for someone conversant with planes to advise the Nizam's Government who intended to buy some. Rouan agreed and accompanied Major Gowher to Hyderabad, he said.

Brigadier Bhattia alleged that Major Gowher was given instructions that Rouan was to be detained in Hyderabad till the return of Cotton when the matter would be settled.

POLICE ACTION PERIOD

Brigadier Bhattia said when Mr. Rouan was brought to Hyderabad he was taken to the Prime Minister of the State and the Commander of the Hyderabad Army and then sent to Bidar to be detained there.

At Bidar he was placed under guard less he should escape, he added. The Police action by the Indian Union commenced on September 13, 1948. On two occasions the accused came to the area where the deceased was confined and told the guard Commander, Havildar Ghulam Mohiuddin that Mr. Rouan was to be killed if the Union troops approached them, Brigadier Bhattia stated. On the morning of September 16 about 10 or 11 o'clock, Jemedar Mirza Abdul Khadar came and told Havildar Ghulam Mohiuddin that a message had come from the accused that the enemy was very close and that Rouan was to be "finished off".

Mr. Rouan was then taken by some members of the guard to a place beneath a tree near a durga and one of them fired a round at Rouan who sat on a stone smoking. Rouan was knocked over and his body was picked up and placed in a ditch nearby. The skeleton was recovered from the ditch later and a purse, penknife and some papers which belonged to Rouan recovered.

After examination of some witnesses for the prosecution the Court adjourned to Monday, March 28.

The Court Martial is presided over by Major-General S. D. Verma.

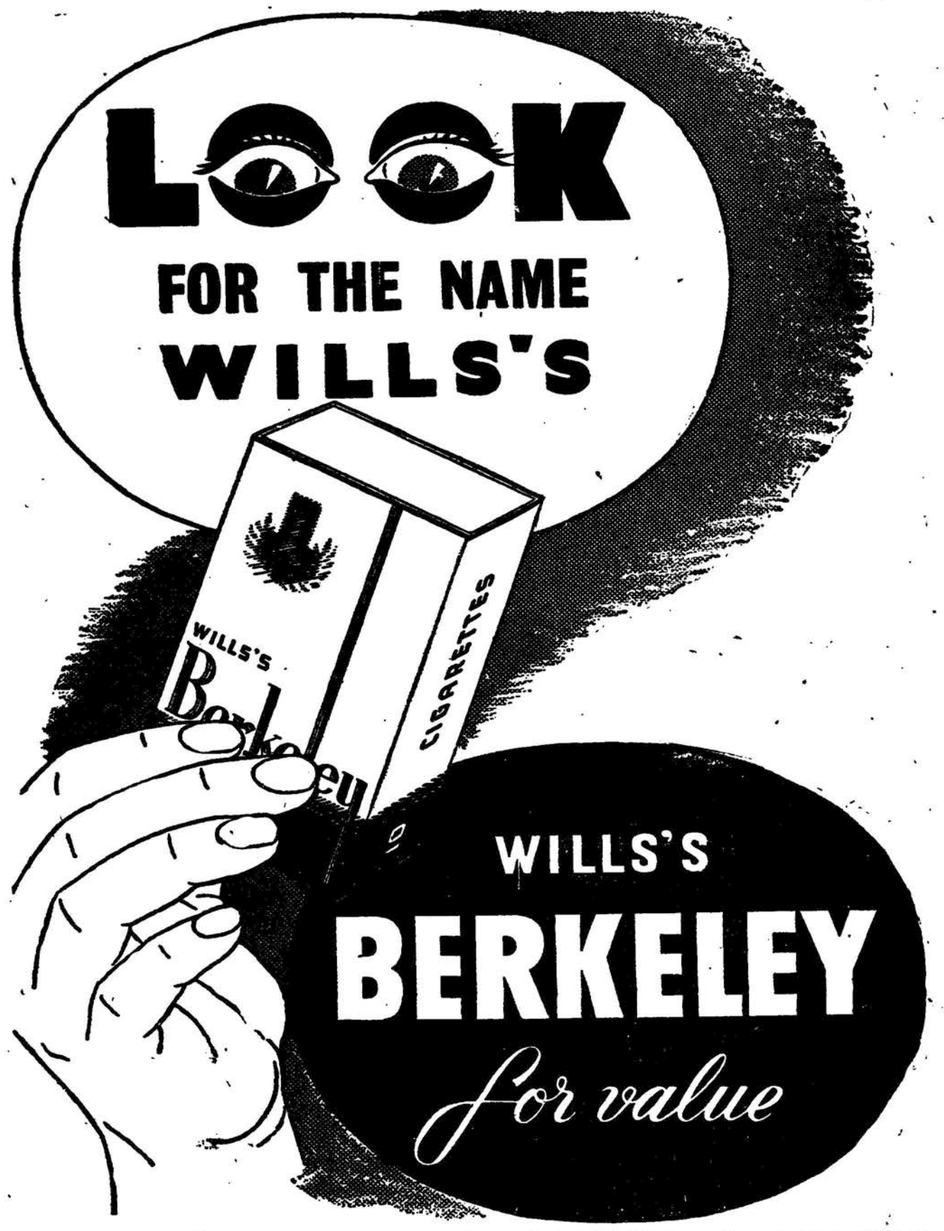
GANDHI MEMORIAL FUND

Collections Till End Of February

NEW DELHI, March 26. (A.P.I.): Collections to the Gandhi National Memorial Fund from Provinces and States till the end of February, 1949 amounted to Rs. 2,87,95,958/15/8 of this Rs. 12,01,500/12/1 were collected by the central office of the fund.

Following is the statement showing collections received in the head office of Gandhi National Memorial Fund upto February 28, 1949:—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Central offices	12,01,500	12	1
PROVINCES:			
Ajmer	22,783	3	3
Assam	71,681	10	0
Berar	1,41,606	13	0
Bombay	37,63,522	9	0
Gujarat	4,76,318	1	0
Karnatak	3,11,329	2	3
Mahakoshal	4,72,467	0	11
Nagpur	11,46,139	13	9
Tamilnad	18,22,932	8	2
Andhra	3,35,683	7	8
Bengal (west)	15,33,566	8	7
Bihar	16,45,861	7	3
Delhi	11,44,387	1	0
Kerala	2,89,459	6	1
Maharashtra	23,69,950	0	4
Punjab (east)	21,82,598	14	8
United Provinces	39,95,113	14	2
Utkal (Orissa)	6,78,159	15	0
STATES:			
Baroda	3,15,835	7	4
Bhopal	3,337	7	3
Bhor	15,000	0	0
Bikaner	2,03,106	2	0
Bilaspur	51	0	0
Chattarpur	5,125	0	0
Cochin	2,43,009	1	2
Cooch Bihar	5,000	0	0
Himachal Pradesh	57,912	9	6
Hyderabad	2,79,082	15	3
Jaipur	20,113	10	9
Jaisalmer	21,000	0	0
Jodhpur	3,23,982	3	5
Kashmir	12,231	14	0
Kilhapur	114	8	0
Malwa Union	19,15,643	10	7
Matsya Union	63,678	11	0
Mayurbhanj	2,05,432	13	0
Miraj (senior)	3,000	0	0
Miraj (junior)	3,000	0	0
Mysore	25,416	2	6
Palanpur	34,191	0	0
Phulkian Union	4,11,936	12	0
Rajasthan Union	13,972	1	0
Saurashtra Union	2,53,918	0	0
Sangli	9,002	0	0
Sirohi	51,000	0	0
Sikkim	2,500	0	0
Tehri Gadhwal	35,000	0	0
Travancore	4,45,079	7	9
Tripura	1,079	15	0
Vindya Pradesh	2,11,078	0	0
INTEREST RECEIPTS	1,066	3	3
TOTAL	2,87,95,958	15	8



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SUCCESSFUL FIGHT AGAINST HEAVY ODDS

Report On Work Of Finance Ministry

The Ministry of Finance consist of three main divisions viz., Expenditure, Finance and Revenue, and in addition there is also an Economic Adviser. There are also a certain number of subordinate departments under the administrative control of the Ministry.

FINANCE MINISTRY

The largest Division in the Ministry is the Expenditure Division, which for purposes of convenience, functions under two separate Additional Secretaries, one for civil expenditure, and the other for defence expenditure. On the civil side the control of the expenditure of a convenient group of Ministries and their attached and subordinate offices is allotted to a Joint Secretary who is assited by the requisite number of Deputy Secretaries, Under Secretaries and subordinate staff.

The Defence Expenditure Division is constituted more or less on the lines of the Defence Headquarters, with the Financial Adviser (assisted by an Additional and a Joint Financial Adviser) on top, and Deputy Financial Advisers attached to the various Principal Staff Officers.

(a) The plan for the allocation of defence expenditure between the Indian and the U.K. Governments ceased with effect from the 1st April 1947 but a large number of point remained outstanding when the accounts for 1946-47 were closed. These items were discussed with the U.K. Government last summer. It was agreed that a sum of £55 million will be paid by the U.K. Government in final settlement of the outstanding claims. 17 1/2 per cent of which will be paid to Pakistan and the balance to India.

(b) A settlement was also reached with U.K. Government regarding the payment for Defence stores and installations left behind by them in India, which were taken over by the Government of India. The total amount to be paid was setled at £100 million of which £45 million were paid last August and the balance will be paid this month.

FINANCE DIVISION

The Finance Division proper which under an Additional Secretary consists of three main branches viz., (a) Budget, (b) Internal Finance and (c) External Finance.

BUDGET BRANCH

This branch is responsible for preparation of the Central Budget other than the Railway Budget. The estimates for Defence Services are scrutinised and completed by the Defence Division while the Communications, Food and Industries Divisions similarly deal with the estimates of the Ministries with which they are associated. The Budget branch deals with the remaining civil estimates and is responsible for the consolidation of the entire budget.

INTERNAL FINANCE BRANCH

The Internal Finance branch deals with all matters connected with Currency, the Reserve Bank and Banking, the Rehabilitation Finance Administration, the Industrial Finance Corporation and the administration of the Mints and the India Security Press. With the attainment of independence the question of revising the designs of our currency and bank notes and coins has had to be taken up. New designs have been approved and it is hoped that notes and coins in the new design will be issued in the course of the next financial year.

EXTERNAL FINANCE BRANCH

All aspects of India's financial relations with external countries are dealt with by this branch. It is responsible for the administration of exchange control, the execution of payments and other financial agreements with foreign States, and for making arrangements for securing foreign loans. The External Finance branch also keeps in close touch with the Ministries of Commerce and Industry and Supply in the formulation of import and export policies, with reference to the requirements of foreign exchange and the balance of payments position from time to time.

Two-Anna Coins Sold For Half Their Value

LAHORE (UPA): You can buy two-anna coins for half their value in north-eastern Pakistan, according to press reports from Lyallpur.

Villagers in the vicinity of Lyallpur reportedly have developed a prejudice against coins made of brass. The story got around that brass coins no longer were legal tender, and numerous government assurances to the contrary have failed to shake the belief.

A number of shrewd purchasers reportedly have amassed small fortunes by buying up the brass coins at an anna a piece.

Development Of Village Oilseeds Industry

COMMITTEE'S SUGGESTION FOR SETTING UP TRAINING INSTITUTE

NEW DELHI, March 27 (API).—The Indian Oilseeds Committee, at its fourth annual general meeting which concluded here yesterday, recommended the setting up of a Village Oilseeds Industry Board and a training institute at Nagpur for development of the village oil industry.

The Board will be called "The Ghani Advisory Board of the Indian Oilseeds Committee" which will study the progress of the schemes sanctioned for Ghani development and organisation on co-operative societies. It will also supervise the activities of the training institute.

To encourage crushing of seeds in village ghanis the Committee requested the Provincial Governments to adopt a uniform policy with regard to exemption limits from sales tax, and suggested that the limit should be Rs 15,000 in all the provinces.

On the marketing side, the Committee urged the Government of India to prohibit the import of white mineral oil as "it was being extensively used for adulteration with mill and ghani oils." It was suggested that the Provincial Governments should be requested to enforce more vigorously the Food Adulteration Acts so that the existing stock of white mineral oil could not be used for further adulteration.

A pilot random sampling inquiry into the cost of the production of oilseeds was recommended to be undertaken by the Statistical Adviser to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. At present the work is proposed to be undertaken only on a very limited scale, possibly in one district alone and if the results are satisfactory it may be extended.

Research schemes on oilseeds in Orissa and West Bengal, on multiplication and distribution of improved groundnut seeds in Karnatak were also recommended by the Committee.

Sir Datar Singh, who presided over the meeting, said that while the world position of oilseeds supply had improved considerably during 1948 and that there had been a marked decline in the prices of fats and oils in international markets, the position in India was not altogether happy. The total outturn of oilseeds, especially groundnut and til during 1948 kharif season, had recorded a fall and the prices generally were higher than in 1947.

Sir Datar Singh added that although the Government had removed the duty on the export of castor oil and castor seed and announced recently the removal of export duty on other oils and oilseeds, the prices in India were still high and were not in parity with prices in foreign markets.

COTTON ASSOCIATION REMINDER TO GOVERNMENT

'Steady Policy Toward Cotton Export Required'

Sjt. Purshotamdas Thakurdas, Secretary of the East India Cotton Association Ltd., in the course of letter to the Minister for Commerce, Government of India, says:—

With reference to the Press Communique dated the 16th March 1949 issued by your Ministry notifying that Government prohibits all exports of raw cotton from India as from that date except to hard currency countries, the Board of my Association have not been taken by surprise although they certainly have noted the Government's this final step with great dismay and regret. Government appear to have prohibited export of hitherto permissible varieties of cotton on the assumption that in view of the scarcity of cotton, these varieties, which were not ordinarily consumed in large quantities by mills in India would be consumed by them. The Board trust that Government would keep a watch over this and in the event of any necessity arising extend necessary protection to such cotton.

The purpose of addressing this letter to Government is again to request Government not to overlook the obvious but to systematically take in hand a quick and effective review of the whole situation and so lay down certain principles and implement their policy based thereon, notifying same to the public without unnecessary secrecy being maintained about it. It is obviously not desirable to dwell on this at any length as the Board hope that the suggestion above is self-explanatory. What is wanted even at this comparatively late hour is a well-thought out and steady policy of Government regarding cotton cultivation, prices, export and import, say from the beginning of September i.e. the next cotton season.

Healthy Growth Of Paint Industry Needs Priority

"We have yet to develop a sense of National Paint Front in the country, for which we have to think of the collective industry first and individual advantages next. For selling our products we have always chosen the easy path of approaching the Government whose demands are incapable of keeping all of us going, and thereby have allowed foreign-owned manufacturers to have complete domination on the market and the industrial consumers. Government orders being our main stay, there is an annual scramble in New Delhi in which it becomes the lot of nearly everyone to be disappointed," observed Sri P. C. Coanda in his presidential speech delivered at the 7th Annual General Meeting of the Association held on Tuesday.

Referring to the policy of the Government, particularly the development and purchase sections of the Department of Industries and Supplies, in the matter of purchases, he said, "We have all seen that in practice, development and purchase sides, in this department are completely independent of each other and purchases are made strictly on short sighted considerations of economy alone in total disregard of the reaction on the industry.

"The Government are here in the same breath advocating growth and modernisation of industries, improving their products, providing higher wages and costly amenities to the workers on the one hand and refusing to pay any but starvation-level price for their own requirements of the industry's products. I would suggest to the Department of Industries and Supplies when making purchases to keep an eye on the effect of such purchases on the industry in general and see to it that healthy growth of the industry gets priority over cheap buy."

Regarding standardisation he said "The products of the Paint industry are not officially or organisationally standardised and the result is that there is a dump of multi-coloured clay in the market going by the name of Paints. The manufacturers are set to cut-throat competition and those who propose to stick to quality production, have a precarious existence.

"Instead that the Government take note of this position as a concern of theirs, their attitude unfortunately is one of complete indifference. In fact by random and indiscriminate recognition given to tiny, ill-equipped factories, the Government are damaging the Industry's cause and striking at the very root of its healthy growth.

"On our part, to combat this international competition, a collective effort is called for. We have learnt the folly of depending on the Government demands and we should now come out and take joint action for popularising and selling our products to the wide public. I want to repeat my opinion here, expressed in the past, that the days of individual prosperity are no more and we should take to the inevitable, namely collective method, by which the industry as a whole can be made to achieve a high standard of efficiency and success."

DYES AND CHEMICALS

(From: Chatrapuj K. Mavji.)
BOMBAY March 27.

SAPTHOLS.

Sapthol CAS	7/4
CBO	14/14
CSW	14/8
CBS	12/8
Fast Scarlet CKRC Base	6/14
Fast Scarlet CKR Base	9/8
Fast Red CKCBO Base	9/10
Fast Garnet CKOBO Base	3/2
Fast Yellow CGC Base	7/10
Fast Corinth CB Base	6/12
Fast Orange CGC Base	10/0
Fast Orange CKGB Base	7/8
Fast Bordeaux CGP Base	10/0
Fast Bordeaux CGP Salt	4/12
Fast Scarlet CKR Salt	2/12
Fast Blue CB Salt	3/8

DIRECT COLOURS

Direct Black Extra	3/8
Direct Green Extra	4/6
Direct Violet Extra	5/4
Direct Yellow 4GL	11/14
Direct Fky Blue Extra	7/4
Direct Rubin	5/0
Direct Orange Extra	6/8
Direct Brown	4/12
Diazo Black Extra	8/14
Chrysophenine Extra	10/4
Bensopurpurine 4B	3/10
Congo Red Extra	4/0
Taroquoise Blue G	12/8

SULPHUR COLOURS.

Sulphur Black 692	1/11
Sulphur Black 992	1/5
Sudphur Black HK Grains ? ? ??	1/6
Alizarine 20 p.c. Paste	150/0
Alizarine 100 p.c. Powder	8/0
Methylene Blue Extra	4/4
Metanil Yellow Elephant	2/8
Metanil Yellow Extra	4/8
Methyl Violet Lumps	4/6
Punkal Magenta MLK Lumps	7/0
Magenta Extra O	8/8
Diamund Green	8/14
Bismark Brownu Extra	3/4
Malachite Green Crys	5/10
Chrysodine Extra	4/2
Auramine Extra	5/12
Acid Orange Extra	2/2
Soap Green	18/0
Acid Scarlet	4/0
Rhodamine B Extra 500 p.c.	18/0
Kumkum Scarlet	5/0

VAT PAST DYES.

Vat Blue GCD Powder	40/0
Vat Blue BSN Powder	36/0
Vat Dark Blue BO	25/0
Vat Brilliant Green B 900	36/0
Vat Olive Green B Powder	20/0
Vat Brilliant Green B 2100 Powder	57/0
Vat Gray Powder	20/0
Vat Brown Powder	20/0
Vat Magenta B Powder	40/0
Vat Yellow 5G	45/0
Vat Violet 2R & 4R Powder	60/0

PRINTING COLOURS.

Printosol OG	16/0
Printosol CO4B	15/0
Golden Yellow	60/0
Printosol Green Paste	36/0
Rapid Red	18/0
Orgnge	18/0
Yellow	18/0
Indigo 60 p.c. 1 Lb. pkg.	4/8
Indigo 80 p.c. 1 Lbs pkg.	4/8

CHEMICALS.

Hydrosulphite of Soda	0/15/8
Bisulphite of Soda	58/0
Turkey Red Oil	45/0
Monopol Napthol Soap	48/0
Soda Bicarb	19/0
Citaric Acid	145/0
Soda Ash Light USA	16/8
Ammonia Bycorb Powder	46/0
Ammonia Chlor de	46/0
White Sugar of Lead	98/0
Tri Sodium Phosphate	64/8
Nitrite of Soda	40/0
Bleaching Powedier	17/0
Sodium Sulphide American	33/0
Sodium Sulphide Indian (Small)	37/0
Sulphate of Alumina (Pure)	17/0
Aniline Salt	0/14
Bichromate of Potash	152/0
Caustic Soda 1 Lb. pkg	0/8
Caustic Soda 450 Lbs. pkg	29/0
Acetic Acid	0/12/6
Formal De Hyde	0/6/6
Zinc Dust	75/0
Brown Sugar Lead	100/0
Borax Crys	22/8

NEW YORK STOCKS
NEW YOR, March 26.

Opening Prices:
Anaconda Copper Mining 31-1/8
General Mtors 58-7/8
United States Steel Common 73-1/8
Pref unquoted.

CHICAGO WHEAT.
CHICAGO, March 26

May 2.14.
July 1.90-6/8
September 1.90-6/8
December 1.90-7/8

NEW YORK MARKETS

NEW YORK, March 26. (PTI-Reuter).

COTTON: The market drifted idly throughout the session with most of the business confined to nearby May and July contracts where routine trade demand and some Commission House buying counteracted scattered hedging and weekend realising. Traders are awaiting Congressional action on E. C. A. authorisations and publication of Mid-March parity price next week. The session closed steady with sales amounting to approximately 45,000 bales.

STOCKS: Consolidation forces continued to hold sway and combined with weekend considerations kept price movements small in sluggish trading. The market showed fairly even divided changes either way, mainly limited to fractions with most group trends vague and numerous. Privates remaining at Friday's closing levels. Final dealings produced no remarkable changes with the session concluding on a steady note.

CHICAGO GRAINS: The market displayed a weak undertone under the leadership of wheat reflecting the sharply lower trend in Kansas City and reports that many sections of the winter wheat belt received beneficial moisture.

NEW YORK COTTON CLOSINGS
New York, March 26.

May	32.20
July	31.13
October	28.80
December nominal	28.07
Middling Spot	33.52

NEW ORLEANS COTTON CLOSINGS.
New York, March 26.

May	32.09
July	31.06
October bid	28.27
December bid	28.03
Middling Spot	32.50

New York Stock Exchange

NEW YORK, March 26.

American Telephone and Telegraph	145-3/4
Amerex Holding Co.	26-3/4
Anaconda Copper Minin	31-5/8
Chase National Bank	35-7/8
Sinclair Oil Co.	21-1/2
Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co.	48-7/8
General Electric Co.	37-1/4
General Motors	58-7/8
Ingersol Rand	60-1/4
International Nickel	28-1/2
National City of New York	30-7/8
New York Central Rail Road Co.	11
Socony Vacuum Corporation	16
Texas Corporation	52-5/8
Union Carbide	39
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	41 bid
U S. Steel Corporation (Common)	72-1/2
Western Union Telegraph	18-1/8

LONDON EXCHANGES
London, March 26

T. T. London on:—
New York Selling 4.0275, Buying 4.0220; Montreal Selling 4.0275, Buying 4.0225, Zurich Selling 17.34, Buying 17.36; Stockholm 14.47 to 14.50.

U. S. SILVER.
NEW YORK, March 26.
U. S. Price of Foreign Silver closed.

LONDON BULLION.
LONDON, March 26
Silver Spot and Forward closed. Gold Bars Fine per oz. closed.

International Monetary Fund Does Not Approve Gold Sales At Premium

Following certain news reports about a gold sale at premium prices made by South Africa, the International Monetary Fund wishes to make it clear that it has never approved any specific gold sales at a premium price. The Fund was consulted four months ago by the South African Government with regard to a proposed plan to sell semi-processed gold at premium prices for industrial, professional, or artistic purposes. The Fund advised the South African Government that it was "disturbed by the fear that the trade in semi-processed gold which is contemplated by the South African Government would involve considerable sales of gold at premium prices for other than legitimate industrial, professional or artistic purposes. It felt that this would almost certainly be the consequence if the proposed transactions are to be on a scale sufficient to ensure an appreciable profit to gold producers.

"In these circumstances," the Fund added, "the Fund believes that South Africa should not engage in the proposed plan unless it is satisfied that it can take effective measures to ensure that gold sold under the plan will in fact be used for bona fide and customary industrial, professional or artistic purposes."

The South African Government informed the Fund over this past weekend that it had agreed to sell a quantity of semi-processed gold at a premium price. In the light of the information submitted to the Fund by South Africa, including that on the prices and quantities involved, the Fund has found it necessary to get in touch with the South African Government with a view particularly, to determing whether thesafeguards adopted are, in the Fund's opinion, adequate to ensure that any gold sold will, in fact, be used for bona fide and customary industrial professional and artistic purposes

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND
SUMMARY OF TRANSACTIONS.
For the Fiscal Period
May 1, 1948 through January 31, 1949
U. S. Dollar Equivalent

Exchange Transactions

Amount in Currency Equivalent

CURRENCY SOLD	
Belgian Francs	500,000,000.00
United States Dollars	58,350,000.00
Belgian Francs	11,408,380.91
United States Dollars	58,350,000.00
CURRENCY BOUGHT	
Costa Rican Colones	7,018,750.00
Czechoslovakian Koruny	300,000,000.00
Ethiopian Dollars	745,341.61
Indian Rupees	133,333,333-5-4
Netherlands Guilders	18,158,843.78
Nicaraguan Cordobas	2,500,000.00
Norwegian Kroner	22,646,910.02
South African Pounds	2,481,389-11-7
Costa Rican Colones	1,250,000.00
Czechoslovakian Koruny	6,000,000.00
Ethipocan Dollars	300,000.00
Indian Rupees	40,300,000.00
Netherland Guilders	6,845,028.85
Nicaraguan Cordobas	4,583,352.36
Norwegian Kroner	10,00,000.00
South African Pounds	69,758,380.91
Nicaraguan Cordobas	500,000.00
Norwegian Kroner	4,583,352.36
South African Pounds	10,000,000.00
Total	69,758,880.91
Fine Ounces	175,301.264
U. S. Dollar Equivalent at 35 per Fine Ounce	6,135,844.24
Total	6,135,844.24

Shipping News

IMPORTS

BOMBAY, March 26.

S. S. LIMBURG

From Portland: 490 bags wheat.

From Tacoma: 52,540 pieces copper ingots, 15216 packages copper large ingots.

From Tacoma Washington: 10,343 packages large copper ingots.

From Los Angeles: 420 drums diesel oil, 500 drums pale spindle oil, 118 bundles brass scrap, 1,050 drums diesel fuel oil, 41 cases cinema talkies sound projectors.

From San Francisco: 700 drums white mineral oil, 150 drums diesel oil, 2,150 drums lubricating oil, 74 drums brass scrap, 120 drums diesel mineral oil, 193 cases evaporated milk, 38 bundles motors.

From Manila: 137 drums scrap copper

From Singapore 2,016 bales rubber, 685 bags split betel nuts, 4,256 bags sago flour, 134 bags brass scrape, 545 bags betel nuts, 140 drums coconut oil, 100 bags damar batu, 480 cases pineapples, 3,149 tons sawn timbers.

From Penang: 1,286 bales rubber, 14,117 drums coconut oil, 395 bags split betel nuts, 850 bags pearl tapioca, 121 bags betel nuts.

EXPORTS

GOODS ENTERED FOR EXPORT

S. S. CALEDONIA

To Liverpool: 48 bales wool raw—Cox & Kings (Agents) Ltd.

S. S. MERCHANT PRINCE

To Montreal: 640 bags groundnut kernels—M. Vishram & Co.

S. S. MARTIN CARL

To Karachi: 50 cases glass globes—Indian Commercial Co. 60 cases Oriental balm—Little Oriental Balm.

S. S. MINDORO

To Gothenburg: 279 bales cotton waste—Spat Textile Products (India) Ltd.

To Coppenhagen: 255 bales cotton waste—Sapt Textile Products (India) Ltd.

S. S. UNION PIONEER

To Honkong: 187 pieces Ivory manufactured—D. Mohanlal.

S. S. DWARKA

To Baharain: 17 nos. empty oxygen cylinders—Anglo-Iranian Co. (India) Ltd.

S. S. FLYING CLIPPER

To New York: 399 bags gum karaya—N. Mulji & Co.

S. S. JALA KRISHNA

To London: 92 bales hosiery and cotton rugs—The Overseas Cotton Waste Co. 10 barrels mango chutney N. K. Jaswalla.

To Antwerp: 485 bales cotton waste—E. T. Robbertson & Son.

S. S. ARONDA

To Mombasa: 6 packages oil filter press—Laxmi Engineering Work.

S. S. CALEDONIA

To Liverpool: 100 bales cotton waste—M. Chandulal. 200 bales cotton waste—Barot Bros.

Arrivals & Departures Of Steamers

BOMBAY, March 26.

ARRIVALS

S. S. MEREDITH VICTORY from Galvesson with general cargo on March 25.

S. S. INDIAN ENDEAVOUR for Calcutta with general cargo on March 25.

We give below the latest information regarding vessels due to arrive at and sail from Bombay:

DUE TO ARRIVE AT BOMBAY

From U. S. Pacific Coast:
S. S. BORNEO due 6th April.
S. S. HOEGH SILVERSPRAY due 17th April.

From U. S. Atlantic Coast:
S. S. SOUTMOOR due 10th April
S. S. TALISSE due 1st May

From Rotterdam-Antwerp:
S. S. LAURENSKERK due 2nd April.
S. S. MERWEDE due 15th April.
S. S. NORBRYN due 29th April.

From Persian Gulf via Karachi:
S. S. HOEGH SILVERSTREAM due 2nd April.
S. S. SARANGAN due 3rd April.
S. S. MANOERAN due 26th April.
S. S. HOEGH SILVERCREST due 26th April.

From Italy:
S. S. MILANO due 2nd April.
S. S. TAURINIA due 17th April.
S. S. TIMAVO due 12th April.

From Australia:
S. S. UGOLINO due 31st March.
S. S. HOEGH SILVERSTAR due 3rd May.

DUE TO SAIL FROM BOMBAY

For Calcutta via Colombo:
S. S. DUKE OF SPARTA sails 1st April.
S. S. LAURENSKERK saids 11th April.
S. S. MILANO sails 13th April.
S. S. BORNEO sails 19th April.
S. S. MERWEDE sails 29th April.

For U. S. Pacific Coast:
S. S. NORBRYN sails 12th May.
S. S. RIOUW sails 28th March.
S. S. SARANGAN sails 7th April.
S. S. MANOERAN sails 2nd May.

For Italy:
S. S. UGOLINO VIVALDI sails 1st April.
S. S. TAURINA sails 25th April.
S. S. TIMAVO sails 21st April.

For Persian Gulf via Karachi:
S. S. LIMBURG sails 1st April.
S. S. HOEGH SILVERSPRAN sails 27th April.

For Australia
S. S. HOEGH SILVERSTREAM sails 6th April.
S. S. HOEGH SILVERCREST sails 27th April.

For Mediterranean and North Continental Ports:
S. S. LEUVEKERK sails 30th March.

From U. S. Atlantic Coast:
S. S. HOEGH SILVERSTAR sails 15th May.

Wholesale Price Index Remains Stationary

NEW DELHI, March 27 (API).—Wholesale prices in India, as measured by the Economic Advisers' index remained almost stationary during the week ended March 12, 1949, and the index which stood at 370.1 (base: year ended August 1939-100) was 0.5 per cent lower as compared with last month but 8.6 per cent higher than that of the corresponding week of last year.

During the week under review, "foodstuffs" disclosed a further fall of 0.9 per cent to 375.2 owing mainly to falls in the prices of wheat (minus two per cent and dal arhar and gur (minus three per cent each).

Higher prices of jute raw (one per cent) groundnuts (two per cent), linseed (three per cent), gingelly seed (minus two per cent, rapeseed (six per cent) contributed to a rise of 0.7 per cent to 463.9 in "industrial raw materials." Prices of cotton seed and lac (minus four per cent each however registered declines.

In the case of "semi-manufactures," a rise of .04 per cent to 332.8 was attributable to higher prices in sheep skins and mustard oil (six per cent each, til oil (two per cent and linseed oil (three per cent). A fractional decline to 329.5 in the "manufactures" was brought about by lower prices in jute manufactures and rayon and silk (minus one per cent each) and glass (minus three per cent.

Important changes in the "miscellaneous" group, the index of which rose by 1.6 per cent to 515.7 were risen in spices (four per cent and tobacco (three per cent and a fall in cashewnuts (minus seven per cent).

MOVE TO BRING DOWN SUGAR PRICE

Government Considering Three-Pronged Offensive

(From Our Correspondent)
NEW DELHI, Mar. 26.

Lobbies envisage the possibility of sugar being placed on the Open General Licence for purpose of imports.

On the other side Government propose to lower the price of sugarcane in order to divert part of the sugarcane acreage to food crops. The combined effect of both these measures is expected to be to bring down the prices of sugar.

As reported earlier the Government has decided to set up Inquiry into the affairs of the Sugar Syndicate in order to find out whether it is working in the country's interests.

India's Food & Agriculture Experts To Confer

NEW DELHI, (UPA): Food and agriculture experts from all parts of India will gather at Pohri April 12 and 13 to tackle problems arising from the government's new "produce or starve" policy.

The conference will be inaugurated by Pandit Nehru and presided over by Jairamdas Daulatram, Minister of Food and Agriculture.

Under the new government food policy no grain would be imported from abroad after December 1951.

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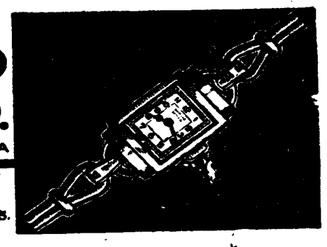

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INDIAN ARMED FORCES
REGULAR COMMISSIONS

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from unmarried Indian nationals and Gurkha subjects of Nepal to reach Federal Public Service Commission, Post Box No. 186, Council House, New Delhi, by 2nd April, 1949 for the combined examination for admission to the Military Wing of the Armed Forces Academy and the Initial Training Wing of the Royal Indian Air Force for the course commencing in January, 1950. Application forms and full particulars may be obtained from the Federal Public Service Commission or nearest Military Sub-area Headquarters or recruiting Office.

AGE LIMITS—

Civilian candidates must have been born (i) NOT earlier than 2nd January, 1929 and NOT later than 1st January, 1932 for the Army and (ii) NOT earlier than 2nd January 1929 and NOT later than 1st July, 1932 for the R.I.A.F.

Personnel serving in the Army who wish to compete for admission to the Military Wing must have been born NOT earlier than 2nd January, 1926 and NOT later than 1st January, 1932.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION:

Must have passed Matriculation or equivalent examination. Applications from those candidates who have appeared or intend to appear for the Matriculation or equivalent examination will be accepted provisionally and they will be required to furnish proof of having passed the examination before the date of commencement of F.P.S.C. examination.

SELECTION—

Candidates who qualify at the written examination of the F.P.S.C. will be required to appear before Services Selection Boards.

Applicants for admission to the 7th Course (Military Wing) whose results are NOT yet known are advised, if otherwise eligible, to submit their applications for appearing at this examination. If they are successful for 7th Course, their applications will be cancelled.

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Federation Of Physical Education For Bombay

CITY CONFERENCE APPOINTS COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE AVENUES

BOMBAY, SUNDAY:— VARIOUS MEASURES TO PROMOTE PHYSICAL AND GENERAL WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF THE PROVINCE WERE RECOMMENDED IN THE FORM OF RESOLUTIONS PLACED BEFORE THE OPEN SESSION OF THE FIRST BOMBAY PROVINCIAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE HELD AT THE PODAR COLLEGE, MATUNGA TODAY. THE RESOLUTIONS HAD BEEN FULLY DISCUSSED AT THE SECTIONAL MEETINGS HELD ON SATURDAY AND EARLY THIS MORNING, WHEN THEY WERE ADOPTED.

IN THE ABSENCE OF MR. S. K. PATIL, DR. K. S. MHASKER PRESIDED OVER THE OPEN SESSION.

FEDERATION OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The primary resolution was on physical education and the conference resolved to appoint an 'ad hoc' committee of eleven members with a view to exploring avenues of forming a Federation of Physical Education in the province. It was proposed that Dr. K. S. Mhasker, one of the members of the Committee should be the convener of the first conference of the Federation.

In connection with the physical education and recreation of women and girls, the Conference recommended that since adequate facilities were lacking Government should make the necessary arrangement in the matter and train lady instructors who would conduct physical culture for women and run special play-grounds for them, emphasis being laid on self-defence and the development and fitness of the very young ones.

MILITARY TRAINING

With regard to military training the issue of starting a new faculty in the Bombay University was deferred owing to the difficulty of establishing a faculty a present. However it was recommended that military training should be encouraged by extending should be encouraged by extending in schools and colleges so as to help students to lead a life of discipline and collective responsibility.

In the matter of recreation it was proposed that adequate recreation facilities in villages and rural areas be provided and that Colleges and Schools should be utilised as recreation centres after school hours and during holidays and as holiday camps durings vacations. With a view to combating juvenile delinquency a proposal to start healthy recreational scope in slum areas was made

The Conference further urged Government to support and encourage the scout and girl-guide movement by allocating liberal grants, suitable sites with extensive grounds and making suitable arrangements for sporting and other activities.

Regarding scouting and the girl guide movements, it was also suggested that Government urge naval and aviation authorities to permit scouts the use of sail and motor-boats as a means of training in sea and air scouting.

PHYSICAL DEMONSTRATION AT STADIUM

In the afternoon there was a demonstration of physical activities at the Brabourne Stadium. Despite the sultriness of the weather, hundreds of boys and girls from various primary and secondary schools of the city gathered on the Stadium ground. Even adults were brought in for certain kinds of physical exercise.

The march-past was impressive. The demonstrations included various types of gymnastics, military activities, and boy-scout and girl-guide activities

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Mr. Joachim Alva, Sheriff of Bombay, inaugurating the demonstration, said that physical education was the foundation of all progress On it depended the growth of a nation. He congratulated the organisers on their splendid nation-building effort.

"The introduction of educative element in physical activities is a matter of recent growth," said Swami Kuvalayananda, who presided over the function This was true so far as the teaching of physical activities EN MASSE was concerned. But in case of individual physical training, the educative element had been present in India for the last five thousand years or more. The Yogic system of physical education always integrated moral, mental and spiritual training with physical culture.

However the introduction of educative element in physical activities in the modern sense meant integration of physical and intellectual education, so that the two put together may lead to the development of the "whole student". Not only that, but it also meant education through physical activities. The objective of this integration was to develop an ideal citizen, who could serve his country and the whole humanity, either as a civilian or as a soldier. For rendering this service efficiently, every citizen must possess qualities like discipline, self-sacrifice, self-control, sportsmanship, courage, resourcefulness, endurance, will-power and patriotism. Modern physical education was expected to develop these qualities in the students.

Swami Kuvalayananda, quoted from a statement of Sir James Crichton-Brown to indicate that physical activities, if scientifically organised, lead not only to the development of the physique and various civic qualities, but also actually help the growth of brain power.

Madras Scheme For Rural Medical Relief

MADRAS, March 27, (A.P.I.): A village 'Vaidya" scheme for affording rural medical relief in the Province will shortly be implemented by the Madras Government it is learnt.

Under the Scheme a six months' course of training in Indian medicine in public health and ... will be given to selected candidates. After successful competition of the course these candidates would be absorbed in medical and health services under village panchayats.

Bihar Aspires To Be "Granary Of India" Again

PATNA, March 26. (API)—Dr. Syed Mahmud Development Minister, said in the Bihar Assembly today that he could declare with all the emphasis in his command that the pace with which Government's schemes were being executed Bihar would not only become a surplus province in the matter of foodgrains but would also become the "Granary of India" once again.

Dr. Mahmud also maintained that the food production in the province had considerably increased during the period between the years 1946 and 1948 and said that food imports had fallen from 3,50,000 tons of foodgrains in 1946 to 1,75,000 tons in 1947 and 40,000 tons in 1948.

Ceylon Branch Of Asian Relations Organisation

COLOMBO, March 27, (PTI-Reuter): A Ceylon branch of the Asian Relations Organisation was formed here yesterday following the decision of the first Asian Relations Conference held in New Delhi in 1947

The main functions of the branch organisation is to establish friendly relations by holding conferences exchanging literature students and lecturers and by arranging visits to various countries

The next conference of the Asian Relations Organisation is to be held in the Philippines at the end of this year and third conference is likely to be held in Ceylon.

LONDON, March 26, (PTI-Reuter): A Royal Air Force 'Vampire' has arrived at Khartoum after a 6,000-mile flight from Singapore for three months "Sun Exposure Tests," the British Air Ministry announced today.

NO ATTEMPT TO RUN AWAY FROM PAK

British Official Challenges Police Allegations

KARACHI, March 26 (APP): Mr. Adam Smith, former Director of Operations in the Pakistan Civil Aviation Department, today challenged police allegations that he had tried "to run away" from Pakistan.

Mr. Smith, who is a Briton, was taken into custody on Jan. 17 last on a charge of forging a permit to fly a Dakota aircraft from Pakistan. He was released on a bail of Rs. 20,000 on the condition that he stayed in Pakistan.

Last Wednesday a Magistrate added a sum of Rs. 2,50,000 to his bail following a police charge that "the accused is planning to run away and evade justice."

Today the Judge of the Pakistan High Court reduced the amount of additional bail to Rs. 20,000 pending Mr. Smith's appeal against the increase, which is to be heard on Tuesday.

Mr. Smith today pleaded that the police had failed to disclose the course of their charge that he was "running away".

He said that it was he himself who had "requested that he be brought before the Magistrate and voluntarily surrendered himself to the police for that purpose."

He submitted to the Judge that the police application for his remand, made on Wednesday, had shown no reasonable grounds for believing that he had committed any offence, and complained that police investigations into his case had been "unreasonably delayed."

The case, which has now been pending since the middle of January has aroused considerable interest here.

The General Manager of the Company from which Mr. Smith bought the plane in question was Captain Neville Stack, whose death was the subject of a recent inquiry here which decided that Captain Stack died of a blood vessel bursting near his heart a split second before falling in the path of a lorry.

28-year-old Anthon Stack who defended his father's name in this enquiry, has asked an eminent London Barrister to defend Captain Stack's interests here when the case comes up for trial.

Pak To Be Full-Fledged Member Of UNESCO

KARACHI, March 26 (APP): Pakistan will become a full-fledged member of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation from next July, Dr. Kuo Yu Shou, Special Adviser to UNESCO on Asia and the Far East, said here

The Dominion, he said, would have to pay an annual membership subscription of 60,000 dollars. In return she would be entitled to aid and advice on education, cultural and scientific development.

Israel-Transjordan Talks May Affect Akaba

TEL AVIV, March 27 (PTI-Reuter).—Rhodes negotiations between Israel and Transjordan are expected to result in modification of the western boundary of the Arab-held central sector triangle when Iraq hands it over to Transjordan, it was reliably learned here

Hand-over of the triangle formed by Tulkarm, Nablus and Jenin, uncovered by any cease-fire agreement and regarded by observers as a danger spot, was believed to be imminent.

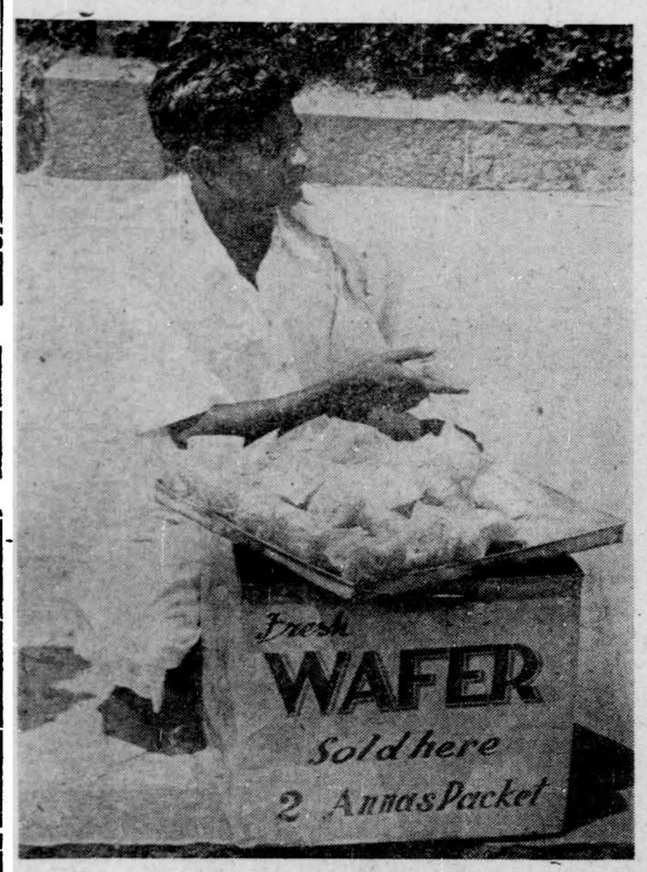
An Israeli military spokesman confirmed today that reduction of forces along the Israel-Transjordan armistice line will include British forces at Akaba. He said there had been no official Syrian statement yet on the date of the Syrian-Israeli talks.

RHODES, March 26 (PTI-Reuter).—Dr. Ralph Bunche, Acting Palestine Mediator tonight denied a report that he had cabled Mr. Trygve Lie, United Nations Secretary-General to appeal to Britain to "relieve the tension" over the situation at Akaba, Transjordan Port where British forces are now stationed

INDEPENDENCE OF PUERTO RICO

HAVANA (Cuba), March 27 (PTI-Reuter).—Claims by certain Puerto Ricans for a hearing of their case for Independence of the island from the United States are to be put before plenary sessions here of the Inter-American Commission on dependent territories which for two weeks has been discussing Colonialism in the Americas

BOMBAY'S STREET-VENDORS



64. The Wafer-Seller

You are no genuine citizen of Bombay if the sight of those packets fails to create an empty feeling in your stomach. The grease spots on the containers are a minor matter. They may suggest bad frying medium but Bombay vendors know how to maintain the taste of wafer. Those salted, crunchy flakes what the appetite as they go down the gullet though the aftermath may not be pleasant if you have gone beyond the limit of a packet or two. They may even send you to the E.N.T. specialist with a sore throat but you don't feel at home unless you sight the vendor during the interval at the theatre or at the Stadium. The had practically gone out of the trade during the war years when soldiers had a run on the lean potato stocks of the city. But now he is back to the pavement with his white wooden box, with the permanent written guarantee of freshness of contents which may be a week old.

"SWELL DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION TO CAPTURE POWER"

Jayaprakash Criticizes Government's Handling Of Food Situation

BOMBAY, Sunday.—Mr. Jayaprakash Narain, General Secretary of the Socialist Party of India, speaking today appealed to various leftist and radical parties and groups, and persons believing in socialist ideology to join the fold of the Socialist Party and work together to make it a mass movement

Mr. Jayaprakash who was explaining the "decisions of the Patna Conference" at a public meeting at the Shivaji Park asserted that only the Socialist Party could bring socialism to India Mr M. Harris, Secretary of the Municipal Socialist Party presided.

RUSSIAN EXAMPLE

"After freedom," he said, "we expected, there will be a tremendous release of energy, but we find there is a slow paralysation of life in the country." The contact of the Congress with the masses was withering away and discontent was mounting everyday. Pointing out to Russian experiment, he said that the Russian workers worked hard and tightened their belts to make the First Five Year Plan successful, because they knew they were building up a new society. In India, he added the conditions were different

The Socialist leader warned that unless the ever-increasing discontent of the masses was canalized into a constructive healthy of position, in time anti-national and anti-social elements would get the upper hand and constructive healthy opposition in

He said that workers, peasants and middle class must organise and strengthen democratic opposition and endeavour to capture power either by ballot or mass satyagraha.

PATNA LEAD

The Patna Conference had thrown open the membership of the Socialist Party to all those who believed in its policy and ideology. The Party membership would consist of individual members and representatives of the unions. He added that labour and peasant's unions should not confine their activities to the economic field, but must organise politically and seize power by democratic method.

Mr. Jayaprakash criticised the policy of Congress Governments, both Central and in provinces and said they were becoming more and more dependent on bureaucratic administration. Rs. 30 to 40 crores were pandered over the "Grow More Food" propaganda and little food was produced Instead, he suggested, Government should have imported tractors fertilisers and other agricultural machinery and put virgin and waste lands into cultivation. He also made a suggestion that a voluntary army of land workers should be raised throughout the length and breadth of the country who would dig up canals, clear swamps, cultivate waste and other lands and work to step up food production "Such band of workers", Mr Jayaprakash said, "would mitigate food scarcity quicker than paper plans manufactured by bureaucrats."

NEW PLAN TO MEET RED MENACE IN HYDERABAD

Chaudhury On Satisfactory Results In Nalgonda And Warangal: Details Of Razvi Trial Not Settled

HYDERABAD (Dn.), March 27 (API).—Major-General J. N. Chaudhary, Military Governor of Hyderabad, told a press conference at Bolarum Residency today that the investigation of the case against Syed Kasim Razvi, Razakar leader, was progressing satisfactorily

The method of Kasim Razvi's trial had however, not yet been settled, the Military Governor added.

The offences, in which Razvi is alleged to have been involved include the murder of Shoebullah Kahn, Editor of "Imrose", a Nationalist Urdu daily.

Major-General Chaudhary announced that Mr. D. R. Pradhan, Additional Chief Civil Administrator of Hyderabad, was leaving Hyderabad tomorrow to become Adviser of the Greater Rajasthan Union.

COMMUNIST TROUBLE

Other points made by Major-General Chaudhury were: The Communist trouble in the two districts of Warangal and Nalgonda was being broken up very quickly.

The food position in Hyderabad at present was not serious and he hoped it would be possible for them to prevent scarcity and famine conditions by successful procurement.

The management of certain important industries like the sugar industry and the Singareni collieries would be taken over by the Government instead of by managing agencies.

A new draft embodying proposals for abolition of Jagirs in Hyderabad was being prepared and it would be sent to the Jagirdars shortly.

A committee composed of experts was to be constituted shortly to go into the question and suggest land reforms in Hyderabad State.

SITUATION IN NALGONDA AND WARANGAL

Replying to a question on the round-up of Communists, in the State, Major-General Chaudhury said that their previous methods to root out Communists were "a little unsatisfactory." Their present methods, in implementing which it was possible that a number of innocent people might be arrested along with the guilty, had been found very effective. The Communist trouble in the districts of Nalgonda and Warangal was subsiding quickly.

"In every case where an innocent man is detained for some time, I am quite prepared to apologise to him and let him go as quickly as possible, but I must say that for the greater good of the people we have to put into effect our new methods," he added.

"The situation in Warangal District has improved beyond recognition," Major General Chaudhury claimed and added "for three weeks there were no incidents there. And then there were only one or two small incidents—a little flare-up here and there.

"As regards Nalgonda where the problem was a little more difficult, the situation is clearing up. I had been to Nalgonda recently and I was pleased to find Civil Officials, both of the Indian Union and Hyderabad State, extremely satisfied with the progress made

"The collection of grain levy, marking of houses and preparation of rolls for the Constituent Assembly elections are all going ahead very satisfactorily."

INFILTRATION OF "REDS"

Major-General Chaudhury referred to reports of "infiltration of Communists" into the neighbouring district of Atraf-Balda. He would not call it "Communist infiltration", he said. Certain "Goondas" had come to this area and the administration was taking necessary action to mop them up.

"In the process of squeezing an orange it was but natural that some drops of juice sprouted out", he added. He said that Communist detenus were kept apart from other prisoners in jails.

The Military Governor told pressmen that he was going to Delhi on April 8 to represent Hyderabad at the Provincial Prime Ministers' Conference when, among other subjects, the question of Communism would be discussed.

FOOD SITUATION

Referring to the food situation in Hyderabad, Major-General Chaudhury said the reports in his possession showed that it was not serious. There was, however, a period of anxiety ahead but they hoped they would be able to tide over the situation. It would be their endeavour to see that there was no scarcity or famine conditions.

The number of Nizam's Government officials suspended so far was 92, said Major-General Chaudhury, in answer to a question.

His recent visit to Delhi was a routine one, said the Military Governor. Various problems connected with the Constituent Assembly elections, delimitation of constituencies, and provision of equipment were discussed with representatives of the Central Government.

He visited Bombay, Major-General Chaudhury added, because he particularly wanted to see Mr. Morarji Desai regarding enlisting Bombay officials for service in Hyderabad to deal with various cases.

CONSEMBLY ELECTIONS

The Military Governor said the date for elections to the Constituent Assembly in the State would be fixed as soon as they had prepared all electoral rolls. The elections might come off at the end of this year.

Answering a question on the draft proposals to abolish Jagirs, Major-General Chaudhury said the original draft was undergoing changes. Generally speaking, there were no "sweeping changes" in the draft. It was not possible to abolish Jagirs in Hyderabad, a problem which defied many Provincial Governments. Very soon, he however, said he would be able to do so fairly quickly.

Mir Laik Ali and other members of his Government now under detention were keeping good health, said Major-General Chaudhury in reply to another question.

SPENT 113 DAYS ON RAFT!

Chinese Sailors Amazing Surviving Technique

WASHINGTON, MARCH 26 (PTI-REUTER):. SENATOR WARREN MAGNUSON (DEMOCRAT—WASHINGTON) SAYS THE UNITED STATES NAVY LEARNT SO MUCH FROM A CHINESE SEAMAN WHO SPENT 113 DAYS ON A RAFT DURING THE WAR THAT THE MAN SHOULD BE GRANTED PERMANENT AMERICAN RESIDENCE.

Senator Magnuson offered a bill yesterday to give that privilege to Poon Lim, who wrote a new page in the textbook of survival technique after a British merchant-ship was torpedoed under him.

The sailor secured a raft provisioned for only 50 days and, eating birds caught by hand and fish snared with a watch-spring hook, sat it out until he was picked up off the coast of Brazil.

Princess Elizabeth's Call To British Women

LONDON, March 26: (U.P.A.): Princess Elizabeth today called upon the veterans of the wartime British Army to "hold yourselves ready to serve again".

In a 10-minute recruiting plea before the annual Reunion of Women Veterans at London's Albert Hall, she said: "The world is far from that security which we hoped the end of the war would bring. Dark clouds still massed on the horizon. I feel it is my duty to impress on you as best I can how important it is that those of you not tied by the chains of your children should hold yourselves ready to serve again"

FRANCO-ITALIAN CUSTOMS UNION

PARIS, March 26. (P.T.I.- Reuter)· Count Carlo Sforza and M. Robert Schuman, Italian and French Foreign Ministers, tonight signed an 18-point Franco-Italian Tariff, economic and customs agreements.

Under the Agreement the two Governments undertake to work out the terms of common customs tariff in about a year's time.

Together with Algeria the two countries would then form a customs union inside which goods would move without being charged import or export duties.

25 KILLED IN U.S. TORNADO HAVOC

Gales Race Across Several Towns

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas, March 27, (PTI-Reuter): Death roll of the tornadoes which have swept through several south and south-western American states had risen early today to at least 25, Sixteen people were killed in Arkansas six in Mississippi, two in Oklahama and one in Texas. Two more were believed to have died in Mississippi The series of violent storms which struck on Thursday at Mississippi and Lousiana broke out again yesterday over a widespread area.

In Arkansas victims included fourteen people killed in the cotton plantations country south-east of Little Rock. Reports from the storm areas said many inhabitants escaped injury because they took refuge in deep cellars about fifteen minutes before the tornado struck.

Storms which tore through 2 Texas towns raced on to the village of Crowder in Oklahoma. They then veered into Arkansas, leaving a trail destruction across the States agricultural land and sweeping at least a dozen small communities.

A colonel of the Mississippi National Guard said the two small towns of Belden and Tupelo had been practically razed by the gale.

LORD LISTOWELL ON MALAYAN SITUATION

SYDNEY, March 27 (PTI-Reuter: Lord Listowel arrived here today by air from New Zealand.

Lord Listowel who is leaving by air for Singapore tomorrow said in an interview that he would discuss the Malavan situation with Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner-General in South East Asia

"There were enough British troops in Malaya at present to handle the Communists he added and they would remain there until the rioting was quelled.

"The British must remain in Malaya to help the Malayan people and the Chinese who are loyal to the British" Lord Listowel declared.

"The present system of deporting Chinese who have helped the Communists is very effective"

MUTT AND JEFF—That's One Way To Find Out—Compare!

By BUD FISHER

HI 'YA, BABY!
GIRLS! DINE & DANCE WITH JEFF! (I'M JEFF)
THAT DOES IT! NOT EVEN A TUMBLE! I'M THROUGH WITH GIRLS!
GIRLS! DANCE
ASH CAN
FROM NOW ON YOU'RE GOIN' TO SEE A NEW JEFF! NO MORE CHASIN' AFTER GIRLS!
LET 'EM CHASE AFTER ME — YESSIR, MUTT! YOU'RE GONNA SEE A NEW JEFF!
BUT SUPPOSE THE GIRLS DON'T CHASE YOU?
IN THAT CASE YOU'LL SEE THE OLD JEFF!

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